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Local elections reveal danger of delay Thatcher will be told it must be June 9 poll

Mrs Thatcher will be told at Chequers tomorrow that she must go for June 9, and she must not delay. Labour jubilation at winning Liverpool was tempered by the loss of Cardiff and Bristol and the near loss of Nottingham.

By Julian Haviland, Political Editor

The Prime Minister will be told at Chequers tomorrow that she appears to have an excellent chance of remaining in office if she decides to have a general election on June 9. But she will also be told that a delay of even one week would be unwise.

Unhappy memories of 1974 were recalled yesterday by Conservatives who blame Mr Edward Heath for having lost on February 28 an election which they say he could have won two weeks earlier. Many voices were last night muttering in unison that if Mrs Margaret Thatcher decided to go, she must go at once and with the briefest possible campaign...

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Budget change 'loses' 26,000 unemployed

A big fall in the number of people out of work is likely to be announced by the Government early next month because of another change in the way the jobless total is calculated. Unemployment figures for April released yesterday by the Department of Employment show a 2,511 fall to 3,169,879 in the number of people out of work because of the change announced in the last Budget, which has taken 26,400 men aged over 60 off the register.

Labour summit against an early poll

Labour and trade union leaders admitted last night that the party is not yet in a state to win a general election. Gathering in what Mr James Mortimer, the party general secretary, described as a 'mood of realism', the summit conference of the Shadow Cabinet, national executive and the Trade Unions for a Labour Victory (TULV) agreed that although the party's prospects were improving it had a long way to go.



Mrs Thatcher in her Finchley, north London, constituency yesterday: 'Just keep calm'.

Labour puts brave face on defeats

Labour leaders were putting a brave face yesterday on a pattern of local election results which showed them doing little more than holding their own. The loss of the major cities of Cardiff and Bristol and the near loss of Nottingham put a damper on Labour glee at taking Liverpool.

Fraud trial juror tells of bribe offer

Scotland Yard is investigating an attempt to bribe a juror in the trial of Gordon Campbell Towner, a jeweller, who was jailed yesterday for seven and a half years and fined £400,000 for a £3.5m billion tax fraud. The juror went to police after a man approached him in the street and pressed a wad of notes into his hand.

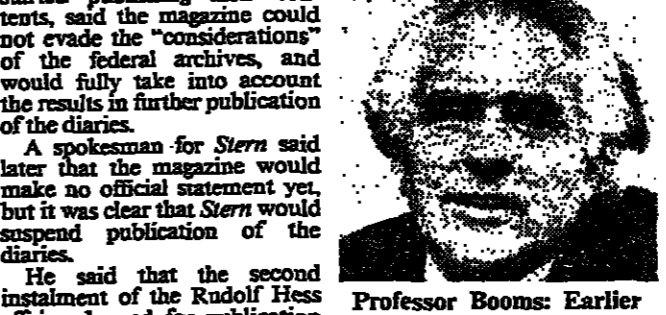
Children questioned on break-ins

Three young children were last night being questioned by detectives at Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, in connexion with a series of burglaries involving thousands of pounds in the town. A police spokesman said that the children had so far refused to talk and had not even divulged their names or ages.

Bonn Government says Hitler diaries forged

By Michael Binyon in Bonn and John Wintherow in London

The Sunday Times announced yesterday that it would not be publishing the so-called Hitler diaries after the West German Government had said they were forgeries. Herr Friedrich Zimmermann, the Minister of the Interior, said scientific tests by the federal archives in Koblenz had shown they were produced after the end of the war.



Professor Booms: Earlier mistakes repeated.

after very positive identification by Lord Dacre, formerly Professor Hugh Trevor-Roper, and assurances received from Stern magazine. Lord Dacre said last night he regretted verifying the diaries too quickly and had now been convinced for some time that they were forgeries.

Israel accepts terms for withdrawal from Lebanon

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

The way was opened yesterday for an attempt to revive President Reagan's moribund Middle East peace plan when the Israeli Cabinet voted by 17 to two to accept in principle the terms of a troop withdrawal agreement with Lebanon worked out during the shuttle mission of Mr George Shultz, the American Secretary of State. A triumphant Mr Shultz later described the decision, which was bitterly opposed by Mr Ariel Sharon, the former Defence Minister, as 'a milestone'.

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Judge rules wife of IRA man 'safe'

A judge ruled yesterday that the Chief Constable of the RUC did not have to produce the wife of an alleged Provisional IRA informer in answer to a writ of habeas corpus (Richard Ford writes).

Mr Justice Hutton said in Belfast that the writ, issued last week, did not apply because Mrs Linda Quigley, the wife of Mr Robert Quigley, who is expected to be a Crown witness in a forthcoming trial, was in police protection.

Sir John Hermon, the chief constable, earlier had said in a written reply to the court that Mrs Quigley was residing of her own choice with her husband and two children under police protection.

However, Mr Richard Ferguson, QC, acting for Mr Quigley's sister, said that by not producing the woman in court the chief constable was "cocking a snook" at the court and was in contempt.

The judge said that police protection was not unlawful detention and that Sir John's reply to the writ was valid but the chief constable's reply will be examined at a full hearing on Thursday.

Strike at plant stops royal visit

Princess Anne has cancelled plans to tour the Lucas Aerospace factory in Birmingham on Monday because of a six-week strike by 90 assembly workers at the plant and the possibility that strikers might try to disrupt the occasion.

A Buckingham Palace spokesman said yesterday that the Princess would spend the day in Birmingham and the rest of her tour would go ahead as planned.

News group cuts staff

Eight of the 23 journalists employed by Thomson Regional Newspapers at its London office are to be made redundant, the company announced yesterday. They include the group's chief London editor, sports editor and defence correspondent.

Mr William Heeps, the editorial director of TRN, said that the cause of the decline in regional sales the newspapers will concentrate in collecting information and will depend less on centrally produced material.

Karate man gets four years

Michael Roberts, aged 22, a karate enthusiast, was jailed for four years at the Central Criminal Court yesterday for killing Ellen Cole, aged 13 months, who had pulled his hair.

Roberts, of Edmonton, north London, rained punches on the girl, the daughter of the woman with whom he was living last year, the jury heard.

Scots glue bill passed

A Bill which will enable children caught sniffing glue in Scotland to be referred to reporters of the children's courts passed its remaining stages in the Commons yesterday.

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50th heart man

The fiftieth heart transplant patient operated on at Papworth Hospital, Cambridge, was yesterday named as Mr Colin Ward, aged 40, a former postman, of Branshaw Grove, Keighley, West Yorkshire. His wife said: "Everything is going along well."

Scargill calls for war of attrition over pit closures

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, served notice last night that attempts by the National Coal Board and its incoming chairman, Mr Ian MacGregor, to close uneconomic pits would be met with a "war of attrition".

He confirmed a move towards a new union tactic, revealed in *The Times* on Monday, of planning selective strikes at "big hitter" pits rather than the present policy of all-out national stoppages.

Mr Scargill told the Lancashire miners' conference in Blackpool the day after Mr Norman Siddall, the board chairman, had forecast further pit closures, that the selective action could be based on the country's most profitable pits.

Calling for opposition to a pit closures programme, the president said: "There are two things we can do. We can have all-out strike action against that policy or we can begin to think logically about the type of policy we can employ. If the coal board intends to close the 30 most uneconomic pits, then we will ask the 30 most profitable pits, such as Selby, to go out on strike."

Mr Scargill said the rest of the country's miners would stay at work but would be levied to raise a fund for payment of normal take-home pay to these miners on strike.

Mr Siddall told the Lancashire miners' conference on Thursday that the industry has to abandon "hopeless pits" because too much coal was being produced too expensively. It is likely that the drive against uneconomic mines could lead to the closure of 15 pits with the loss of 15,000 jobs in 1983-84.

Mr Scargill criticized Mr Siddall's claim that 23,000 miners had left the industry since 1975 and said that the workforce had been reduced by 45,000 over the past eight years.

"I am delighted to tell this conference that I have received a letter from Michael Foot giving an undertaking that if the Labour Party are elected they will stop the policy of pit closures," Mr Scargill said. A board spokesman said later that the 30 most profitable pits employed about 45,000 men, for whom the weekly wages bill was about £9m. If that number of men were called out on strike the levy on each miner still at work would be about £50 a week, the board said.

Timex court action to end sit-in

From Our Correspondent, Edinburgh

The management of Timex, in Dundee, took legal action yesterday to end the five-week sit-in at their Milton plant. The firm also announced that they are to make a further 300 workers redundant because of the dispute.

The company said they had lodged a petition in the High Court in Edinburgh to suspend the unlawful trespass and to interdict those engaged in the sit-in from remaining on or entering unlawfully the company's property.

The latest job losses, which will reduce the workforce to 2,000, were the firm said, directly due to Timex's failure to meet commitments and to maintain customer confidence because of the dispute.

The dispute is about compulsory redundancies and a reduction in watchmaking in Dundee. All 400 workers in the sit-in have been either dismissed for breach of contract or made compulsorily redundant.

The sit-in workers said the latest move showed the contemptible attitude of Timex management. They said the workforce was appalled at the timing of the management's action, in view of the scheduled meeting between Mr Alex Fletcher, the minister responsible for industry in Scotland, and members of the Scottish TUC, which had been called in an attempt to find a solution to the dispute.

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Divers told to end sit-in

Chevron Oil was granted an interim interdict in the High Court in Edinburgh yesterday ordering 27 divers involved in a sit-in to leave their Ninian Northern platform in the North Sea.

Last night talks to try workers and other divers throughout the entire British sector of the North Sea failed to get off the ground.

The sit-in, which began of Wednesday, is in protest against tactics used by the divers' employers, Sub-sea Offshore, an Aberdeen-based contracting firm. The divers claim the firm is refusing to recognize their union, the Professional Divers' Association, that it is using foreign divers at reduced rates, that it has been withholding bonuses and is ill treating and intimidating PDA members.

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Mr Michael Foot, leader of the Labour Party, in his room at the Commons yesterday. (Photograph: Peter Trievor).

Liverpool doubts as left win

By Ronald Faux

The capture of Liverpool City Council by a left-wing dominated Labour group with a working majority ends 10 years in which no party has had overall control in the city. There were two widely differing views of the future yesterday.

Mr John Hamilton, Labour leader and a moderate, said socialist policies would bring prosperity again to the ailing city. Any costs incurred would be well repaid by the prosperity and rejuvenation of Liverpool.

But Mr Reginald Flude, the former Conservative leader, who lost his seat on the council to Labour, declared that the city would become the first socialist state in Britain.

"The electorate will soon discover what they have let themselves in for. The first batch of destructive policies will be nothing in comparison with what is up their sleeves after the general election", he said.

Sir Trevor Jones, former Liberal leader of the council, forecast that the left-wing programme would cost Liverpool an extra £50m, doubling the rates burden and causing many firms to close. The result of the election had been an anti-

government vote, which was understandable in a city that had suffered so much. The future of the Labour leadership after the remarkable victory is thought by many Opposition councillors to depend on when the next general election is called. An early date could mean that Militant Tendency and left-wing supporters in the Labour group will be content for Mr Hamilton to remain for the short term.

Yesterday the party denied plans to change the leadership but a vote will be taken on Monday at a Labour group meeting. Other possible candidates are Mr Derek Hatton, a Marxist and Militant supporter, and Mr Eddie Loyden, a former Labour MP and the parliamentary candidate in the new Garston constituency.

Mr Hamilton remained confident about his future and jubilant at Labour's victory. "The Liberals have taken us up the road to bankruptcy with their policies and the people of the area have recognized the problems and shown clearly that they are fed up with the way the city has been run".

The Liberals took control of Liverpool in 1974 with a narrow majority and held power for three years. Labour then won a minority lead until 1978 when, although they held a majority, the party refused to accept control because it was unable to win a majority on all the committees.

For five months in 1979 no party would accept power in Liverpool. Towards the end of the year Labour took control. In 1980 Liberals took control and held it till yesterday. The last time the Conservatives held overall control of Liverpool was in 1971.

The Labour Party in the city divides into militant, left-wing, Tribune and moderate camps, with the moderates hugely outvoted. In that balance, with about ten Militant Tendency supporters and a majority of Trotskyist sympathizers, Mr Hamilton's leadership comes under a question mark.

The new administration will have 51 Labour councillors, 30 Liberals and 18 Conservatives. Labour is pledged to cutting council rents by £2 a week, a council house "build for rent" scheme, and large-scale job creation projects.

Britain plays down Heseltine's 'hiccup'

From Richard Ford, Belfast

The British Government will make no apology to the Republic of Ireland over remarks made by Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, about Irish neutrality during a 24-hour visit to Ulster this week.

Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, denied today that Mr Heseltine's remarks had been a gaffe or had caused any problems in his efforts to ease tensions in Anglo-Irish relations.

Speaking during a tour of Co Antrim, he made it clear there would be no apology to Dublin and that nor would one have been expected.

He thought there would be no lasting effect on relations between London and Dublin. Official sources in the republic were describing Mr Heseltine's comments as a "hiccup".

In London, the Foreign Office attempted to play down their significance. Mr Prior said people were trying to make a great deal out of the Secretary of State's remarks, but one of the good things about relations between the two countries was that they would not cause lasting damage. He said he had been able to reach a very good understand-

ing with Mr Peter Barry, Minister for Foreign Affairs, and the Prime Minister, Dr Garret FitzGerald.

It has not gone unnoticed that the furore over Mr Heseltine's remarks have come at a time when there is a by-election in Donegal, South-west.

Yesterday Mr Charles Haughey continued to attack Mr Heseltine's comments, saying that it was not so much what he had said but where he had said it. It was an unwarranted impertinence for a British minister to come to any part of the island and attack Irish policy, he said.

Mr Heseltine's statements were an attack on the republic's policy of neutrality. It was unwarranted for any "allegedly friendly" government to attack another government in that way.

Mr Haughey added that he did not know whether Mr Heseltine's comments represented British government policy, but he was Secretary of State for Defence and they must be questioned. He added that there were many ominous signs that Irish military neutrality was being questioned in different ways.

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Sir Anthony Meyer, Conservative MP for Flint, West yesterday won a High Court battle against his local Conservative association over the right to be selected as a candidate in the next election.

Mr Justice Caulfield, sitting in London, held that the new Cwyd North-West Conservative Association had broken its rules when it recommended that only one name that of Miss Beata Brookes, Euro-MP for north Wales, should go forward to the association's annual general meeting on Monday.

Sir Anthony's name should be added to the recommendation, the judge ruled. Outside the court Sir Anthony said it was a "very satisfactory" outcome.

Under recent boundary changes part of Sir Anthony's constituency, which has represented for 13 years, is being swallowed up by the new one of Cwyd, North-west.

The Cwyd Conservative Association's executive council interviewed three candidates from an original field of 72. Miss Brookes, Sir Anthony and Mr Geraint Morgan QC, whose Denbigh constituency will also come under Cwyd, North-west. A vote was then taken.

On the first ballot none of the three had an overall majority. The council then held a second ballot between the top two, Miss Brookes and Sir Anthony. Miss Brookes won, and she alone was recommended for adoption as Cwyd North-west's prospective parliamentary Conservative candidate.

But the judge said that the second ballot was not needed. The rules for choosing a candidate stated that if there was no overall majority after a ballot "more than one candidate should be recommended. That means" the judge said, "that Sir Anthony, as well as Miss Brookes, should have been recommended."

BMA civil defence retreat

By Nicholas Timmins

Leaders of Britain's community physicians, who play a key part in the health services planning for a nuclear war, yesterday backed away from a direct confrontation with the Government over civil defence.

After an hour-long discussion with two government ministers responsible for civil defence, the British Medical Association's central committee, deleted from a motion a section that urged community physicians to take no further part in planning for a nuclear war until the Government meets the criticisms of its civil defence plans in the recent report from the association's Board of Science.

The 24-member committee, however, remained critical of the plans, despite the hearing it gave to Mr Patrick Mayhew, Minister of State at the Home Office, and Mr Geoffrey Fin-

Five Scots councils to be told to cut rates

By David Walker, Local Government Correspondent

Mr George Younger, the Secretary of State for Scotland, is to take punitive action against five councils for excessive spending. One of them, Lothian Regional Council, is nominally controlled by the Conservatives but they have no overall majority and the budget was approved earlier this year by a combination of Labour and Social Democratic votes.

Under the tighter control of councils that the Government has in Scotland, Mr Younger is to demand that the five councils cut their rates by specified amounts.

The five are Lothian, Glasgow, Kirkcaldy and Stirling (the last three solidly Labour) and Sutherland Islands Council, which is non-party. The Sutherland Islands have claimed for some time that government subsidies fail to recognize the islands' special needs and the social costs of oil-related developments.

Overall, Scottish councils are budgeting to spend £121m more than the Government's plan and in a statement yesterday Mr Younger threatened that he would hold back the rate support grant to all councils as a punishment. In order to compel councils to cut their rates, and as a result of their spending, Mr Younger will have to submit a report on each council to Parliament, together with any comments the council wishes to make.

Farm strike is rejected

From John Young Agricultural Correspondent, Eastbourne

Farm workers yesterday narrowly rejected a call for strike action if pay talks due to start this month fail to produce a satisfactory settlement.

A motion put to the annual conference of the Agricultural and Allied Workers Trade Group of the Transport and General Workers' Union was defeated by 33-27, with a number of abstentions.

An emergency motion referring to a report in *The Times* yesterday and calling on the Government to refuse to allow consignments of dioxin waste from Seveso, in Italy, into Britain was carried unanimously.

Should there be any attempt, either legal or illegal, to import, other members of the union, including dockers, airport workers, incineration workers and lorry drivers, should refuse to handle it.

Science report Pointers to the benefits of exercise

By the Staff of Nature

The unexpected discovery that the sustained high temperatures which follow heavy physical exercise are produced by a mechanism similar to that responsible for the fever of bacterial infections has been reported by Dr Joseph G. Cannon and Dr Matthew J. Kluger, of the University of Michigan.

What seems to happen is that the white blood cells known as mononuclear leukocytes, which secrete a protein material causing fever in response to bacterial infection, behave in the same way during physical exercise.

Although very little is known about the protein other than its size, the Michigan researchers have been able to measure quantities of it in blood of human subjects by collecting blood plasma, extracting protein material of the expected size and injecting these into rats. Increase of the body temperature of the rats within two hours of the injection was used as a means of measuring the quantity of protein, called endogenous pyrogen, among the materials injected.

The surprising discovery is that both the blood plasma from people who had been taking physical exercise, and the materials secreted by mononuclear leukocytes taken from the same subjects' blood, increased the body temperature of rats by about half a degree Centigrade, comparable to that caused by the injection of a familiar bacterial toxin.

The same series of experiments has shown that endogenous pyrogen protein produced by people who have taken physical exercise will scavenge from the blood of rats substantial proportions of the iron and zinc which are normally in circulation.

This finding provides further evidence that endogenous pyrogen is identical with the protein known to be responsible for removing iron and zinc from the blood of people during fevers caused by natural infections.

The significance of the main finding, that exercise stimulates the production of endogenous pyrogen is at this stage unclear. The authors of the research point out that it provides a natural explanation for why the body temperature of people who have taken exercise may remain unusually high for several hours afterwards. It may also explain why people who exercise regularly are relatively immune from bacterial infection.

But in the long run the experiments described will provide the foundation on which to base studies of the way in which exercise stimulates the immune system as a whole. Jogging may, thereby, be justified.

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John's gospel profits Jaguar

By Clifford Webb

Mr John Egan, the chief executive who saved Jaguar from almost certain closure three years ago and turned losses of £2m a month into profits this year, said yesterday: "I am preparing Jaguar to be capable of a profitable and independent future".

But he declined to comment on reports that the company will be the first part of BL to invite private investment next year.

Reports that world demand for Jaguar cars is now so high that a night shift could be introduced for the first time in more than four years have increased this speculation.

It is now in great demand as an after dinner speaker when he spreads the gospel on Jaguar's return from the brink.

John Egan, who is 43, is a petroleum engineer by training who came to BL after spells with Shell and General Motors. He first attracted attention in the early 1970s as managing director of BL's Unipart spares and servicing company.

He is generally credited with laying the foundations for it to become one of the first profitable parts of the groups and, like Jaguar, a prime candidate for private enterprise participation.

But Mr Egan, unhappy with the centralized set-up resulting from the Ryder report, joined Massey Ferguson, the Can-

adian-owned tractor maker, whose biggest plant is close to Jaguar's Coventry base.

Sir Michael Edwardes became chairman of BL in 1977 he tried to recruit Mr Egan. But it was only in 1980, when Jaguar was given a separate identity again, that Mr Egan was persuaded to return, as chairman and chief executive. Most observers thought he was too late.

Mr Egan did not hide the danger. On the contrary, in a series of meetings with employees, he emphasized that everyone's job was at risk.

Undoubtedly his bravest decision was to come clean on the myth of Jaguar quality. Mr Egan said it was deplorable and had been so for a long time. Only the immense loyalty for the name Jaguar kept motorists buying it.

It was not simply poor workmanship in Jaguar's plants. The car's magnificent design was being let down by poor quality components from outside suppliers.

With production down from its peak of 32,000 cars a year to 14,000 in 1980, the labour force was reduced by nearly a third to about 7,000, without too much opposition.

Mr Egan's present standing on the shop floor was summed up by the wife of an employee who sought him out at an open day for families (another Egan innovation) to shake his hand.

She told him: "I want to thank you for restoring pride to my man. He used to come home with tales what went on at Jaguar that made your hair curl. He was fed up and ashamed of working there".

He has already started Jaguar on the long road back to the 24-hour Le Mans race with a win last week over the mighty BMWs in a championship race at Donington.

The return of the glory days when the Big Cat carried the flag successfully on the world's racing circuits is one of his most constant thoughts during early morning runs near his home at Warwick.

Bugner boxed in

Joe Bugner, the boxer, has been asked to agree to the freezing of the purse from his next fight until the completion of maintenance proceedings involving his former wife. It was disclosed in a joint statement issued after a hearing yesterday at Cambridge County Court.

Lecturers agree

Unions representing about 80,000 full-time and many part-time college and polytechnic lecturers yesterday agreed a provisional pay settlement giving increases of 4.5 per cent plus £51 a year. They had claimed increases of 12 per cent plus £280 a year.



Mr Mayhew: "Doctors have a duty".

berg, the Under-Secretary of State at the Department of Health. The meeting described the plans as unsound and inappropriate and urged the Government to produce more realistic ones.

The complexities of the constitution, however, mean that the original motion urging a boycott of civil defence planning will still be discussed at the community physicians' annual conference in a month's time, and at the association's annual representative meeting in Dundee at the end of next month.

If it is passed at the latter meeting it will become association policy.

The Labour Party was accused of reaching "a new level of naivety" by Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, for its decision to ask the Soviet Union how it would respond to unilateral nuclear disarmament by Britain.

"We all know what the Russians will do," Mr Heseltine said in his Henley constituency. "They will continue to develop their nuclear capability and they will continue to introduce new nuclear weapon systems."

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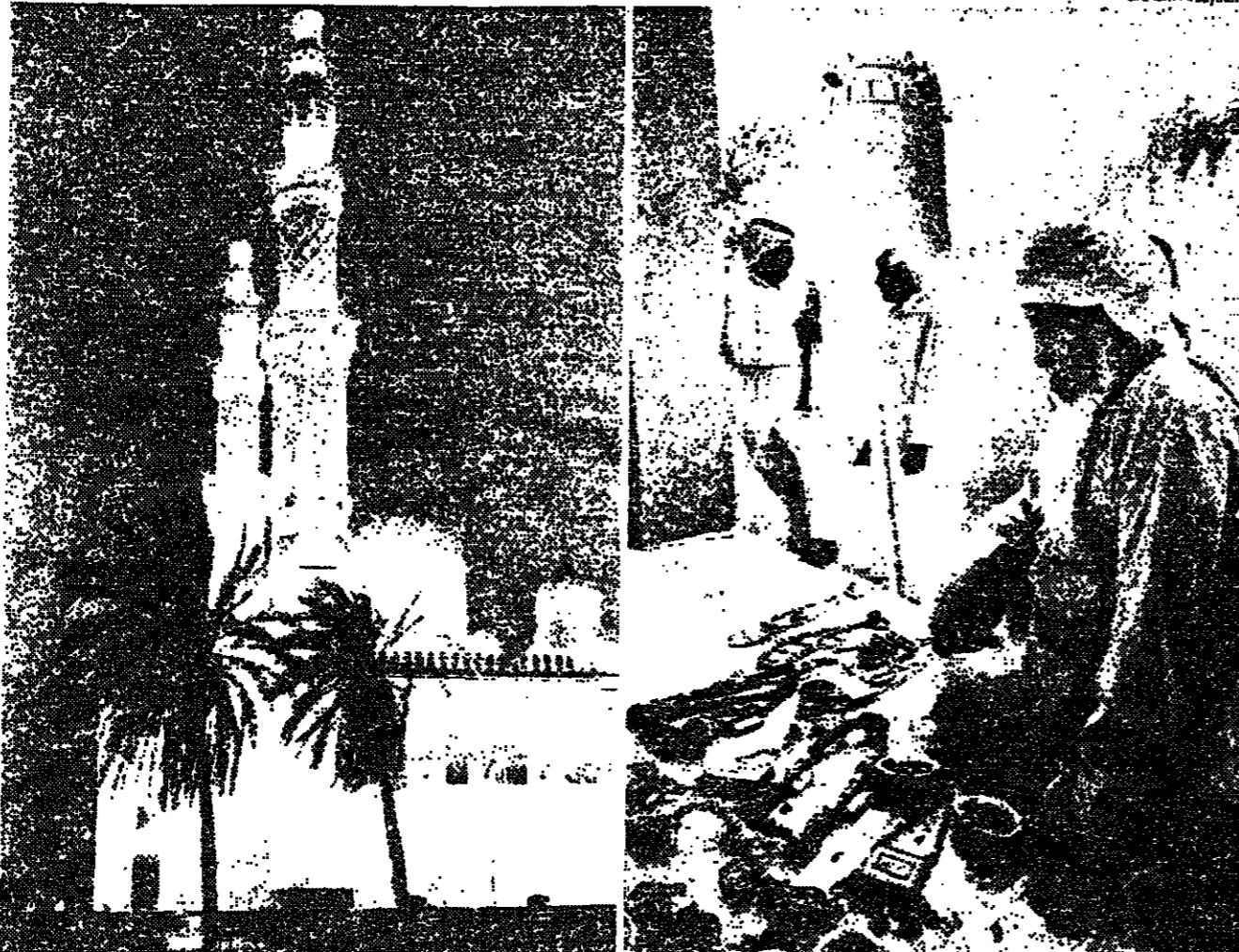
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Rich rewards of a comfortable compromise

David Cross savours low-key luxury in the United Arab Emirates

As the DC10 floats down towards the minarets of Sharjah airport a single white flame punctuates the early morning mist like a huge candle. The burning gas is rising above the desert in the space of less than 20 years, have transformed the seven feudal sheikhdoms of the lower Gulf into one of the world's richest federations - the United Arab Emirates (UAE).



Peace and prosperity: Mosque in Dubai (left) and a jewelry seller who moonlights as a museum nightwatchman

The plane is on time, but the mist is too dense at Dubai International airport, our ultimate destination, and we land at Sharjah to wait for it to lift. More than two hours later, when the rising sun has cleared the air, we take off again, minus a handful of the more impatient passengers, for one of the shortest commercial flights possible in a long-haul jet. In a land where prestige is more important than money, the building of two major airports just 10 miles apart for no more than a few dozen flights a day is not regarded as extravagant.

Dubai airport, with its plush air-conditioned lounges and row upon row of duty-free shops where a bottle of gin costs just over £1, is almost as magnificent as the mosque-like terminal at Sharjah, although the herds of foreign workers returning from the Indian subcontinent having their baggage searched for drugs present a hurdle for the unwary at immigration and customs.

Western Europeans are, however, regarded with less suspicion by the authorities, and within a matter of minutes we glide through the formalities and into a waiting taxi. It is spring along the Gulf, the air is dry and clear and the temperature pleasantly in the upper seventies.

Dubai and the other emirates. British protesters passing 12 years ago, represent a comfortable compromise between the Islamic fervour of neighbouring countries such as Saudi Arabia and Iran and the industrialized western world. A trip, perched on a rough wooden bench on the deck of a tiny motor ferry, along the creek which has always been the centre of Dubai's commercial life highlights the contrast.

On one side an uninterrupted line of modern buildings, mostly banks and other financial institutions, forms a spectacular backdrop to the dozens of dhows, once used to smuggle gold to India but now more likely to ferry electronic gadgetry, two Arab women in their traditional shrouds sit sportingly luminous green plastic sandals next to a pretty young European girl with shapely tanned calves.

Large parts of the old city have, however, been spared the encroachment of high-rise development projects. The old square, filled with the heady scent of dried onions and cloves, is just a few paces along a narrow alleyway from the gold market, where Lebanese merchants exchange outmoded styles of jewelry for the latest fashions at little more than the original value of bullion. On the other side of the creek, the original mud dwellings still have their wind towers to deflect the sea breezes to the living quarters below.

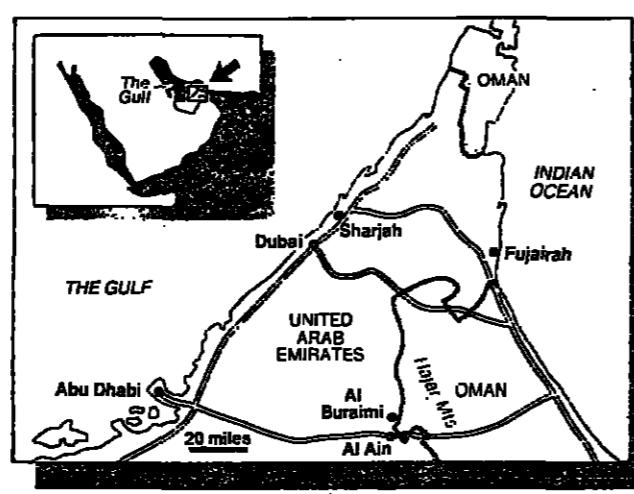
and uninteresting. But it takes just an hour or so driving inland by car or minibus to reach the real deserts of the Arabian peninsula. Huge sand dunes, some nearly 100ft high, whose shape and colour change constantly as they are subjected to different wind and light conditions, threaten to engulf the fine new metal roads. As the highways are built, saplings are planted along them to hold back the desert, and wire-mesh fences put up to prevent grazing camels getting run over.

Suddenly the desert gives way to a modern township, dominated by the towers and dome of its own miniature mosque and sitting with television aerials. The settlement has been built to house the few remaining groups of wandering bedouin tribesmen.

A few miles further on lies the historic town of Al Ain, once one of the last watering points on the 1,000-mile camel trail route across the Arabian desert, but now a thriving modern metropolis shortly to be blessed with its own Disney-land-type amusement park. Europeans are likely to be more impressed by the Al Buraimi oasis, where water is channelled from the nearby Hajar mountains to irrigate small mud-walled plantations of date and banana palms, by the local camel market or by the Hili excavations, where remains of monuments and dwellings dating from 2,000 BC have been discovered.

From Al Ain the Hajar mountain range is a pale blue ribbon against the sky but on closer inspection the rocks are dark and crumbling, broken off by deep wadis where a few clumps of palm cling tenuously to life along the dried-out river beds. A splendid new four-lane highway has recently been completed across the mountains to link the Gulf coast with the Indian Ocean.

Fujairah, one of the poorer emirates and the only one



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entirely on the Indian Ocean side of the peninsula, offers the best ocean bathing in the lower Gulf. There are dozens of tiny sandy bays, deserted except for the occasional fisherman's hut. Hotels such as the Fujairah Hilton have their own beaches with all the facilities for marine sports such as scuba diving. Nearly all the hotels in the emirates are in the luxury class, and they provide most of the tourist entertainment, including the only legally available alcohol in the emirates. In Dubai and Al Ain and other main cities, there are many excellent ethnic restaurants where the only drawback is the absence of a glass of wine or beer. Most of the hotels host floor shows which are as popular with the local Arabs as with visiting westerners; the entertainment is served with a lavish buffet in which tiny Lebanese delicacies vie for space with whole roast lambs and huge prawns.

The hotels are half empty much of the time, and the scarcity of other tourists is one of the great attractions of a holiday in the UAE. Another great advantage is the tolerance of the authorities towards western customs such as the wearing of bikinis on the beach and women driving. Off the beaches, however, shorts and provocative apparel should not be worn by either sex.

The best time to visit the UAE is between October and April, before heat and humidity set in. Ten nights (11 days) in a top-class Hilton or Holiday Inn costs from £595, including an economy-class return on British Caledonian between Gatwick and Dubai. Breakfast is usually included. A hamburger or omelette in a hotel snack bar costs about £3.50 and a full-scale buffet meal between £10 and £12 excluding drink. A meal in a good Lebanese-style restaurant costs about the same. Cars can be hired from £115.50 a week with the benefit of unlimited mileage.

Organized excursions include an overnight safari in the desert complete with camp-fire barbecue and, if you are lucky, a camel race. Holidays can be tailored to meet individual requirements through the Dubai National Air Travel Agency (DNATA) which has recently opened a London office at 22 Old Bond Street, London W1.

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Metropolitan districts

BARNESLEY (Lab) Lab 20, C 1, R 1. Lab gain 2 from SDP and 2 from R. C gain 1 from L. New council: Lab 58, C 3, L 2, others 3. No change.

BIRMINGHAM (C) C 19, Lab 20. Lab gain 2 from L and 1 from C. C gain 1 from Lab. New council: C 60, Lab 55, L 2. No change.

BRADFORD (None): C 16, Lab 14. C gain 1 from Lab. New council: C 43, Lab 41, L 5, SDP. No change.

BOLTON (Lab) Lab 13, C 7, Lab gain 1 from L, C gain 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 56, C 22, L 2. No change.

BURY (C) C 10, Lab 6. Lab gained 1 from C. New council: C 27, Lab 21. No change.

COVENTRY (Lab) Lab 11, C 7, C gain 2 from Lab. New council: C 33, C 21. No change.

CALDERDALE (None): C 8, Lab 6. C gain 3 from C 20, Lab 22, L 1, others 1. No change.

DONCASTER (Lab) Lab 17, C 4. Lab gain 1 from C. New council: Lab 51, C 11, L 1. No change.

DUDLEY (C) C 11, Lab 13, SDP 1. C gain 1 from L and 1 from SDP. Lab gain 1 from SDP. New council: C 42, Lab 29, SDP 1. No change.

GATESHEAD (Lab) Lab 21, C 3. C gain 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 56, C 7, L 1, R 1, others 2. No change.

KNOWSLEY (Lab) Lab 21, C 3. New council: Lab 55, C 9, L 2. No change.

KIRKLEES (Lab) Lab 11, C 7, L 6. C gain 2 from Lab gain 1 from C and 1 from SDP. Lab gain 2 from Lab. New council: Lab 51, C 30, R 2. No change.

LEDS (Lab) Lab 19, C 11, L 3. C gain 1 from Lab and 1 from Lab. Lab gain 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 54, C 33, L 1, SDP 1. No change.

MANCHESTER (Lab) Lab 27, C 4, L 2. Lab gain 3 from C, 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 72, C 22, L 5. No change.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE (Lab) Lab 18, C 7, L 2. Lab gain 2 from C, Lab gain 1 from C. New council: Lab 44, C 24, L 9, Ind 1. No change.

NORTH TYNESIDE (Lab) Lab 12, C 7, L 1. Lab gain 2 from SDP. C gain 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 33, C 21, L 3, SDP 2, Ind 1. No change.

OLDHAM (Lab) Lab 14, C 5, L 1. Lab gain 1 from C. New council: Lab 40, C 17, L 3. No change.

ROTHERHAM (Lab) Lab 20, C 1, SDP 1. casual vacancy Lab 1, SDP gain 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 60, C 4, SDP 2. No change.

ROCHDALE (None): Lab 8, C 7, L 5. C gain 2 from Lab, and gain 1 from L. Lab gain 1 from Lab and 1 from Ind. New council: Lab 27, C 17, L 13, SDP 3. No change.

SEFTON (C) C 12, Lab 8, L 4, L gain 2 from C, C gain 1 from SDP. New council: C 39, Lab 21, L 7, SDP 1. No change.

SANDWELL (Lab) Lab 18, C 4, L 2. Lab gain 1 from C. New council: Lab 54, C 13, L 5. No change.

SHEFFIELD (Lab) Lab 21, C 6, L gain 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 61, C 18, L 7, others 1. No change.

SOLIHULL (C) C 11, L 4, Ind 2. C gain 1 from Ind. New council: C 34, L 12, SDP 2. No change.

SOUTH TYNESIDE (Lab) Lab 16, C 1, others 3. Lab gain 1 from C, New council: Lab 46, C 3, others 9, L 1, SDP 1. No change.

ST HELENS (Lab) Lab 14, C 4. Lab gain 1 from SDP. New council: Lab 38, C 12, L 2, SDP 2. No change.

STOCKPORT (C) C 8, Lab 6, L 7. Ind 1, Lab gain 1 from Lab and 4 from C. C gain 1 from L and 1 from Lab. New council: C 30, Lab 18, L 12, Ind 3. C lose overall control.

SUNDERLAND (Lab) Lab 19, C 5, L 2. Lab gain 1 from C and 1 from Ind. New council: C 14, Lab 52, L 6, SDP 1, Ind 2. No change.

TAMESIDE (Lab) Lab 16, C 3, L 1. Lab gain 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 44, C 10, L 3. No change.

TRAFFORD (C) C 14, Lab 6, L 2. C gain 2 from L and 1 from C. Lab gain 1 from C. New council: C 36, Lab 21, L 6. No change.

WIGAN (Lab) Lab 21, L 2, C 1, L gain 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 59, L 3, C 5. No change.

WOLVERHAMPTON (Lab) Lab 12, C 8, Lab gain 1 from C, C gain 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 34, C 26. No change.

WALSALL (None): C 7, Lab 10, L 1, Ind 2. Lab gain 1 from C, C gain 2 from Lab and 1 from R. New council: C 17, Lab 25, L 7, SDP 2, Ind 8, R 1. No change.

WIRRAL (C) C 11, Lab 8, L 3, L gain 1 from C and 1 from Lab. New council: C 34, Lab 24, L 8. No change.

WAKEFIELD (Lab) Lab 18, C 2, L 1. Lab gain 1 from L and 1 from SDP. New council: Lab 51, C 6, L 3, SDP 1, R 1, Ind 1. No change.

Non-metropolitan districts

ALLERDALE (None): Lab 27, Ind 18, 10. Lab gain 1 from Ind. No change.

ARUN (C) C 52, L 3, Lab 1. Boundary changes. No change.

ASHFIELD (Lab) Lab 28, C 1, L 3. SDP 1. Lab gain 2 from C and 2 from R. Lab gain 3 from R. SDP gain 1 from R. No change.

AMBER VALLEY (Lab) Lab 5, C 4, L 1. SDP 1, Ind 3. Lab gain 1 from C, SDP gain 1 from C. New council: Lab 24, C 7, L 6, Ind 3, SDP 1. No change.

ASHFORD (C) C 26, SDP 8, Lab 6, Ind 6. Others 3. C gain 1 from Others. No change.

ALNWICK (None): Ind 10, C 8, L 8, others 2. Ind gain 2 from L, C gain 2 from Ind and 1 from L. Ind gain 2 from Ind and 1 from L. Ind gain 1 from C. No change.

AYLESBURY VALE (C) C 34, Ind 14, SDP 4, Lab 4, L 1 (1 seat vacant). SDP gained 2 from Ind, C gained 1 from Lab. No change.

ADUR (L) C 7, L 7, C gain 2 from L and 1 from SDP, Lab gain 1 from C. New council: L 19, C 17, Lab 1, Ind 2. No change.

BOOTHFERRY (C) C 21, Lab 6, Ind 7. SDP 1, C gain 1 from Lab and 1 from Ind, SDP gain 1 from Ind. No change.

BRACKNELL (C) C 40, C gain 7 from Ind, SDP gain 1 from SDP. No change.

BLABY (C) C 29, L 3, Ind 6, R 1. Boundary changes. No change.

BARBERGH (Ind) C 18, Ind 18. Lab gain 1 from Lab, Lab gain 1 from C. SDP gain 1 from C. SDP gain 1 from Lab. Ind lost control.

BOURNEMOUTH (C) C 39, Lab 4, L 4, SDP 1, Ind 3, others 5. C gain 1 from Lab, 1 from L, and 1 from Ind, SDP gain 1 from C, gain 2 from C, others gain 4 from C. No change.

BRIGHTON (C) C 24, Lab 20, L 3, SDP 1. Boundary changes. C loses overall control.

BROADLANDS (C) C 10, Ind 5, L 1, Lab gain 1 from C. New council: C 37, Ind 8, L 3, Lab 1. No change.

BRIDGNORTH (Ind) Ind 19, C 9, L 3, Lab 2. C gain 2 from Inds, Lab gain 1 from C, 1 from Others. No change.

N BEDFORDSHIRE (C) C 32, Lab 9, L 9, Ind 3. Boundary changes. No change.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS (Lab) Lab 8, C 4, L 1, Ind 1, C gain 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 25, C 11, L 1, Ind 1. No change.

BASSETLAW (Lab) Lab 10, C 7, Ind 1. C gain 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 27, C 19, Ind 3, SDP 1. No change.

BATH (C) C 12, Lab 5, L 1. New council: C 33, Lab 11, L 2, SDP 2. No change.

BASILDON (Lab) Lab 8, C 6, Lab gain 1 from C, C gain 1 from R. New council: Lab 24, C 13, L 3, R 2. No change.

BRENTWOOD (C) C 9, L 4, C gain 1 from Lab, Lab gain 4 from C. New council: C 28, Lab 3, L 8. No change.

BLACKBURN (None): Lab 11, C 9, L 1, Lab gain 2 from R and 1 from C. New council: Lab 31, C 24, R 3, L 2. No change.

BURNLEY (Lab) Lab gain 1 from C, C gain 2 from Lab, SDP gain 1 from C. New council: Lab 35, C 18, SDP 1. No change.

BROXBORNE (C) C 12, Lab 1, L 2. C gain 1 from Lab, Lab gain 2 from C. New council: C 33, Lab 6, L 3. No change.

BOSTON (None): C 16, Lab 4, L 4, Ind 13. C gain 1 from Ind and 2 from L. Lab gain 1 from L, Lab gain 1 from C. No change.

BROXTOWE (C) C 38, Lab 10, Ind 1, C gain 3 from Lab, Lab gain 1 from C. No change.

BLYTH VALLEY (Lab) Lab 33, C 3, SDP 4, L 7. Lab gain 1 from SDP, Lab gain 1 from Ind. No change.

DOVER (C) C 39, Lab 17, C gain 3 from Lab, 2 from C, Lab gain 3 from C, Lab gain 2 from C. No change.

DAVENTRY (None): C 8, Lab 3, Ind 2. C gain 1 from Lab and 1 from Ind, Ind gain 1 from C. New council: C 18, Lab 8, Ind 6, SDP 1, L 1, others 1. C gain control.

DERBYSHIRE (Lab) Lab 31, C 17, Ind 5. Lab gain 1 from C and 1 from SDP. No change.

DERBY (Lab) Lab 8, C 6, L 1, C gain 1 from Lab, Lab gain 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 25, C 18, L 1. No change.

EDEN (Ind) Ind 37. No change.

EPPING FOREST (C) C 12, Lab 8, Res 1, Ind 1. Lab gain 1 from C, Res gain 1 from C. New council: C 39, Lab 13, Ind 3, Res 4. No change.

ELMBRIDGE (C) C 13, R 7, Lab 1, L 1. C gain 1 from R, Lab gain 1 from C. New council: C 34, R 7, Lab 5, L 4. No change.

ELLESMERE PORT AND NESTON (Lab) Lab 10, C 4. New council: Lab 28, C 13. No change.

EASINGTON (Lab) Lab 34, L 7, SDP 2, Ind 2, Lab gain 2 from Lab, Lab gain 1 from L, Lab gain 1 from Lab, Lab gain 1 from Lab. No change.

COLCHESTER (C) C 13, Lab 3, L 2, SDP 1, others 1. C gain 1 from Lab, SDP gain 1 from Lab. New council: C 26, Lab 14, L 3, SDP 3, Ind 1, others 3. No change.

CHESTERFIELD (Lab) Lab 38, C 9, Lab gain 1 from Ind, C gain 3 from C. No change.

CORBY (Lab) Lab 21, C 3 (3 vacant). Lab gain 1 from Ind. No change.

CARADON (Ind) C 5, Lab 1, L 2, R 2, Ind 31. C gain 5 from Ind, Lab gain 2 from Ind, Ind gain 1 from Lab, Lab gain 1 from Lab, Lab gain 1 from Lab. No change.

CRANFORD (C) C 13, Lab 3, L 2, SDP 1, others 1. C gain 1 from Lab, SDP gain 1 from Lab. New council: C 26, Lab 14, L 3, SDP 3, Ind 1, others 3. No change.

CHESTER (Lab) Lab 38, C 9, Lab gain 1 from Ind, C gain 3 from C. No change.

CRORLEY (None): Lab 8, C 7, SDP 1, Lab gain 2 from C, C gain 1 from Ind, SDP gain 4 from Lab. New council: Lab 22, C 22, SDP 1, Ind 2. No change.

CONGELTON (None): C 9, L 5, Lab 1, Lab gain 2 from Lab and 1 from Ind, C gain 1 from Lab. New council: C 23, L 15, Lab 6, Ind 1. C gain control.

CRAWLEY (Lab) Lab 7, C 9. Boundary changes. New council: Lab 20, C 12. No change.

GRAVEN (C) C 8, L 3, Ind 1, Lab 1, Lab gain 1 from C, C gain 1 from Ind, SDP gain 1 from C. New council: C 19, Lab 2, L 8, SDP 1, Ind 4. No change.

CAMBRIDGE (None): Lab 7, C 4, L 3, Lab gain 1 from C, Lab gain 1 from SDP. New council: C 12, Lab 21, L 7, SDP 2. No change.

CLETHORPES (None): C 14, R 8, L 8, Ind 11. C gain 2 from Lab, Lab gain 2 from Lab and 1 from C, Lab gain 2 from Lab. No change.

CHELTENHAM (None): C 16, L 12, Ind 4, Lab 1. Boundary changes. No change.

CHESTER (C) C 13, Lab 6, SDP 1. C gain 2 from Ind, New council: C 32, Lab 16, SDP 2, Ind 1, L 1. No change.

S CAMBRIDGESHIRE (Ind): C 2, L 2, Ind 14, Lab gain 1 from Ind, C gain 1 from Ind, New council: Lab C 4, L 5, Ind 44. No change.

CHELMSFORD (C) L 28, SDP 3, C 26, Ind 3, Lab gain 8 from C and 1 from Lab, SDP gain 3 from C and 1 from Lab, SDP gain 1 from C. Affiliation takes control.

CARLISLE (Lab) Lab 27, C 22, L 1, Ind 1. Boundary changes. No change.

CHESTER (C) C 27, L 13, Ind 8, R 2. C gain 1 from L, 2 from Ind, Lab gain 1 from C, 1 from R, Ind gain 1 from C. No change.

CHESTER-LE-STREET (Lab) Lab 23, Ind 5, L 4, C 1. Lab gain 3 from L, Ind gain 1 from L, C gain 1 from Ind. No change.

COTSWOLD (No overall control): Others 22, C 10, Ind 7, L 4, Lab 1. C gain 2 from Ind, 1 from L, 1 from Lab, 1 from Others, Lab gain 1 from C, Ind gain 1 from L. No change.

CHRISTCHURCH (C) C 15, Ind 7, Lab 3, C gain 1 from Ind. No change.

CANTERBURY (C) C 37, Lab 7, L 3, Ind 2. Lab gain 1 from C, 1 from Ind and 1 from SDP, C gain 2 from R, 2 from Lab and 4 from Ind, Lab gain 1 from Lab and 3 from C. No change.

CASTLE POINT (C) C 38, Lab 1, C gain 1 from L and 1 from Ind. No change.

CASTLE MORPETH (None): C 7, Lab 2, L 4, SDP 6, Ind 13, others 2. C gain 1 from L, Lab gain 2 from Lab, Lab gain 1 from Ind, SDP gain 2 from Ind. No change.

GRAVESEND (C) C 23, Lab 20, SDP 1. C gain 1 from Lab and 1 from SDP. Lab gain 3 from C and 1 from SDP. No change.

GLANFORD (C) C 22, L 1, SDP 1. Lab gain 1 from C. No change.

BORSHAM (C) C 35, L 2, Ind 5. Boundary changes. No change.

HIGH PEAK (C) C 19, Lab 14, L 3, Ind 7, R 1. C gain 1 from C, C gain 5 from C, Ind gain 2 from C. C lose control.

HOLDERNESS (Ind) Ind 25, C 3, 2 from Ind, 1 from SDP. No change.

HAMBLETON (Ind) Ind 29, C 13, Ind 3, SDP 1 (1 vacant), C gain 2 from Ind, Lab gain 1 from L. No change.

HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH (C) C 28, Lab 3, L 3, C gain 1 from SDP. No change.

N HERTFORDSHIRE (C) C 11, Lab 4, SDP 1, R 1. Lab gain 1 from C, SDP gain 1 from C, New council: C 33, Lab 15, SDP 1, R 1. No change.

HEREFORD (L) L 4, C 2, Lab 1, Ind 2, Lab gain 1 from Lab, Lab gain 1 from L. New council: L 15, C 5, Lab 4, Ind 3. No change.

HASTINGS (None): C 5, L 3, Lab 3, L gain 1 from C, Lab gain 1 from L. New council: C 12, L 9, Lab 9. No change.

HARTLEPOOL (Lab) Lab 14, C 4. New council: Lab 34, C 11, Ind 2. No change.

HAVANT (C) C 7, Lab 2, L 2, SDP 1, Ind 1, R 1. Lab gain 1 from C, Lab gain 1 from C. New council: C 25, Lab 9, L 3, SDP 1, Ind 2, R 2. No change.

HART (C) L 5, Ind 4, C 3, SDP 1, L gain 2 from Ind, C gain 1 from Lab, Lab gain 2 from C. New council: C 14, L 10, Ind 1, SDP 1. C lose control.

HALTON (Lab) Lab 12, C 3, Ind 1. Lab gain 1 from SDP. New council: Lab 13, C 8, L 1, SDP 1, Ind 2. No change.

EARLOW (Lab) Lab 10, C 2, L 2. Lab gain 1 from L, Lab gain 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 34, C 3, L 4, Ind 1. No change.

HERTSMERE (C) Lab 7, C 6, L 1, C 21, Lab 12, L 5, SDP 1. No change.

HYNDLE (Lab) Lab 5, C 10, SDP 1, SDP gain 1 from Lab, Lab 25, C 20, SDP 1, L 1. No change.

HUNTINGDON (C) C 14, Lab 2, Ind 2, SDP 1, C gain 3 from Ind, Ind gain 1 from C. New council: C 14, Lab 37, Lab 8, L 1, Ind 6. No change.

HARBOROUGH (C) C 23, Ind 10, Lab 2, L 2, C gain 1 from L, Lab gain 1 from C, Ind gained 1 from L. No change.

HOVE (C) C 24, Lab 3, L 2, Ind 1. Ind gain 1 from C, Lab gain 2 from C. No change.

HARROGATE (C) C 44, Lab 1, Ind 9, L 4, SDP 1, Whig 1. Boundary changes. No change.

HWORTH (Lab) Lab 9, C 7, C gain 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 31, C 17. No change.

EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE (None): Lab 1, C 3, L 1, Ind 3. Others 29. Boundary changes. No change.

EAST YORKSHIRE (C) C 29, Ind 3, Lab 2, L 1, Ind 10. Ind gained 1 from C. No change.

EAST HAMPSHIRE (C) C 30, Ind 7, L 5, Lab gain 4 from C, C gain 3 from L, and 1 from Ind, Ind gain 1 from C. No change.

EAST LINCOLN (Ind) Ind 39, C 11, L 7, Lab 3. Boundary changes. No change.

EASTLEIGH (C) Lab 3, C 7, L 5, L gain 1 from Lab, Lab gain 1 from C, Lab gain 1 from C. New council: C 22, Lab 11, L 11. C lose control.

FOREST HEATH (C) C 11, Lab 2, SDP 1, Ind 10, R 1. Lab gain 2 from C, C gain 1 from Lab and 1 from C, Lab gain 1 from Lab, Ind gain 1 from R, gain 1 from C. R gain 1 from C. C lose overall majority.

FOREST OF DEAN (None): Lab 21, Ind 19, C 4, L 3, SDP 2. Boundary changes. No change.

FYLDE (C) C 26, R 11, Ind 9, L 2, Lab 1. R gain 1 from C and 2 from L. No change.

FENLAND (C) C 19, Lab 8, L 4, SDP 2, Ind 7, Lab gain 2 from C, 1 from Ind, C gain 1 from C, C gain 1 from C, Ind gain 1 from C, Lab gain 1 from C. C lose control.

FAREHAM (C) C 10, L 2, SDP 1, Res 1, C gain 1 from Lab and 1 from Res, SDP gain 1 from Lab, Lab gain 1 from C, Res gain 1 from C. New council: C 27, Lab 3, L 4, SDP 4, Res 4. No change.

GOSPORT (C) C 9, L 1, C gain 2 from Lab, 1 from R and 1 from Ind, Lab gain 1 from C, New council: C 22, Lab 3, L 2, R 2, Ind 1. No change.

GLOUCESTER (C) C 6, Lab 4, L 1. Lab gain 2 from C and 1 from SDP, C 17, Lab 11, L 5. No change.

GREAT GRIMSBY (Lab) C 7, Lab 6, L 1, Ind 1, C gain 2 from Lab, Lab gain 1 from C, Ind gain 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 22, C 18, L 2, SDP 2, Ind 1. Lab lose control.

GILLINGHAM (C) C 8, Lab 2, L 4, Lab gain 2 from C, 1 from Lab, 1 from Lab, 1 from Others, Lab gain 1 from C, Ind gain 1 from L. No change.

GUILDFORD (C) C 31, Lab 6, L 7, Ind 1, Lab gain 4 from C, C gain 1 from Ind. No change.

GREAT YARMOUTH (None): C 10, Lab 6, C gain 2 from Lab, Lab gain 1 from Lab. New council: C 25, Lab 18, L 4 (one vacant). C gain control.

GEDLING (C) C 40, Lab 8, L 4, SDP 1, Ind 2, Lab gain 3 from Lab, SDP gain 1 from Lab. C gain control.

GRAVESEND (C) C 23, Lab 20, SDP 1. C gain 1 from Lab and 1 from SDP. Lab gain 3 from C and 1 from SDP. No change.

GLANFORD (C) C 22, L 1, SDP 1. Lab gain 1 from C. No change.

BORSHAM (C) C 35, L 2, Ind 5. Boundary changes. No change.

HIGH PEAK (C) C 19, Lab 14, L 3, Ind 7, R 1. C gain 1 from C, C gain 5 from C, Ind gain 2 from C. C lose control.

HOLDERNESS (Ind) Ind 25, C 3, 2 from Ind, 1 from SDP. No change.

HAMBLETON (Ind) Ind 29, C 13, Ind 3, SDP 1 (1 vacant), C gain 2 from Ind, Lab gain 1 from L. No change.

HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH (C) C 28, Lab 3, L 3, C gain 1 from SDP. No change.

N HERTFORDSHIRE (C) C 11, Lab 4, SDP 1, R 1. Lab gain 1 from C, SDP gain 1 from C, New council: C 33, Lab 15, SDP 1, R 1. No change.

HEREFORD (L) L 4, C 2, Lab 1, Ind 2, Lab gain 1 from Lab, Lab gain 1 from L. New council: L 15, C 5, Lab 4, Ind 3. No change.

HASTINGS (None): C 5, L 3, Lab 3, L gain 1 from C, Lab gain 1 from L. New council: C 12, L 9, Lab 9. No change.

HARTLEPOOL (Lab) Lab 14, C 4. New council: Lab 34, C 11, Ind 2. No change.

HAVANT (C) C 7, Lab 2, L 2, SDP 1, Ind 1, R 1. Lab gain 1 from C, Lab gain 1 from C. New council: C 25, Lab 9, L 3, SDP 1, Ind 2, R 2. No change.

HART (C) L 5, Ind 4, C 3, SDP 1, L gain 2 from Ind, C gain 1 from Lab, Lab gain 2 from C. New council: C 14, L 10, Ind 1, SDP 1. C lose control.

HALTON (Lab) Lab 12, C 3, Ind 1. Lab gain 1 from SDP. New council: Lab 13, C 8, L 1, SDP 1, Ind 2. No change.

EARLOW (Lab) Lab 10, C 2, L 2. Lab gain 1 from L, Lab gain 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 34, C 3, L 4, Ind 1. No change.

HERTSMERE (C) Lab 7, C 6, L 1, C 21, Lab 12, L 5, SDP 1. No change.

HYNDLE (Lab) Lab 5, C 10, SDP 1, SDP gain 1 from Lab, Lab 25, C 20, SDP 1, L 1. No change.

HUNTINGDON (C) C 14, Lab 2, Ind 2, SDP 1, C gain 3 from Ind, Ind gain 1 from C. New council: C 14, Lab 37, Lab 8, L 1, Ind 6. No change.

HARBOROUGH (C) C 23, Ind 10, Lab 2, L 2, C gain 1 from L, Lab gain 1 from C, Ind gained 1 from L. No change.

HOVE (C) C 24, Lab 3, L 2, Ind 1. Ind gain 1 from C, Lab gain 2 from C. No change.

HARROGATE (C) C 44, Lab 1, Ind 9, L 4, SDP 1, Whig 1. Boundary changes. No change.

HWORTH (Lab) Lab 9, C 7, C gain 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 31, C 17. No change.

LETTERING (C) C 23, Lab 12, L 2, SDP 1, Ind 7, C gain 2 from L, SDP gain 1 from C, Lab gain 4 from Ind. No change.

KINGSWOOD (None): C 25, Lab 18, Ind 2, L 2, C gain 6 from Lab, 1 from Lab, Lab gain 2 from C, Ind gain 1 from C. C gain control.

KENNET (Ind) Ind 24, C 10, L 4, SDP 2. C gain 3 from Ind, Lab gain 1 from Ind, SDP gain 1 from C. No change.

KINGSTON ON HULL (Lab) Lab 49, C 11. Boundary changes. No change.

KERRIER (None): Ind 18, C 17, Lab 5, SDP 3, Melton Knowell 1. Lab gain 1 from Ind and 2 from C, SDP gain 1 from C. No change.

KING'S LYNN AND WEST NORFOLK (C) C 42, Lab 15, Ind 2, SDP 1, SDP gain 1 from C, C gain 1 from Lab, Lab gain 1 from C. No change.

LEICESTER (Lab) Lab 40, C 16. Boundary changes. No change.

LANCASTER (C) C 36, Lab 15, L 6, Ind 3. Lab gain 4 from C and 1 from SDP, C gain 5 from Lab, Lab gain 1 from Ind. No change.

LANCASHIRE (C) C 12, Lab 7, Ind 2. C gain 1 from Lab. New council: C 31, Lab 20, Ind 3. No change.

LINCOLN (Lab) Lab 8, C 3, Lab gain 3 from C. New council: Lab 23, C 10. No change.

LUTON (C) C 25, Lab 17, L 6, C gain 1 from Lab, Lab gain 2 from C, Lab gain 6 from C. No change.

LEOMINSTER (Ind) Ind 1 gain 2 from C and 1 from Ind, New council: Ind 24, L 6, C 3, SDP 2, Lab 1. No change.

LEWES (C) C 39, Ind 5, L 4. Boundary changes. No change.

LANGBAURGH (Lab) Lab 31, C 29. C gain 3 from Lab, 3 from R and 2 from Ind, Lab gain 1 from SDP and 1 from C. No change.

LICHFIELD (C) C 36, Lab 15, Ind 2. Unofficial C gain 3 from Lab, Unofficial C gain 1 from C, Ind gained 1 from C. No change.

MELTON (C) C 17, L 2, Ind 7. Ind gain 3 from C, C gain 3 from L. No change.

MID BEDFORDSHIRE (C) C 26, Ind 20, Lab 7, C gain 1 from Ind, Lab gain 1 from Ind. No change.

MID SUFFOLK (None): C 19, Ind 10, C gain 1 from C, C gain 3 from Ind, 1 from Lab, Lab gain 1 from Ind. No change.

MANSFIELD (Lab) Lab 38, C 5, SDP 2, SDP gain 2 from C. No change.

MENDIP (Ind) C 25, Ind 11, Lab 4, SDP 3. C gain 3 from Lab, 10 from Ind, Lab gain 1 from C, 1 from Ind, SDP gain 1 from C, 1 from L. C gain control.

MID DEVON (Ind) Ind 30, L 9, SDP 1, Lab gain 4 from Ind, SDP gain 1 from Ind. No change.

MACCLESFIELD (C) C 14, Lab 2, L 1, Ind 4. C gain 1 from Lab and 1 from R, Lab gain 1 from C. New council: C 37, Lab 7, L 4, SDP 1, Ind 8, R 3. No change.

MILTON KEYNES (None): C 7, Ind 1, SDP 2, Ind 1. Lab gain 1 from Ind and 1 from SDP, SDP gain 1 from C. New council: C 20, Lab 18, L 5, SDP 2, Ind 1. No change.

MIDDLESBROUGH (Lab) Lab 35, C 16, L 1, Ind 1. Lab gain 3 from C, 1 from L and 1 from SDP. No change.

MOLE VALLEY (None): Ind 7, C 6, L 1, Lab gain 1 from C, C gain 1 from Ind. New council: Ind 20, C 15, L 5, Lab 1. No change.

MONTGOMERY (Ind): C 1, Lab 1, L 3, Ind 42, PC 2. C gain 1 from Ind, Ind gain 1 from PC. No change.

MAIDSTONE (C) C 9, L 6, Lab 3, Ind 1, Lab gain 1 from C and 1 from R, Lab gain 1 from C, Ind gain 3 from SDP, C 27, L 16, Lab 1, Ind 3, SDP 1. C lose control.

MEDINAVAL (L) L 20, C 10, Ind 5, SDP 1. C gain 2 from L, Lab gain 1 from Ind, SDP gain 1 from Ind. No change.

MID SUSSEX (C) C 43, SDP 5, Ind 6. C gain 6 from Ind, SDP gain 3 from C. No change.

NEW FOREST (C) C 41, Ind 12, L 4, Lab 1. C gain 11 from Ind, 2 from L and 1 from Lab, Lab gain 1 from Ind and 1 from C, Lab gain 1 from C, Ind gain 2 from C. No change.

N W LEICESTERSHIRE (Lab) Lab 18, C 12, Ind 6, L 3, SDP 1. Boundary changes. Lab lose overall control.

RUNNYMEDE (C) C 15, Lab 1, R 1. C gain 1 from SDP and 1 from Ind, C 32, Lab 6, L 1, R 3. No change.

RUSHGATE (C) C 51, Lab 2, SDP 1. C gain 1 from Lab, SDP gain 1 from C. No change.

RUGBY (C) C 9, Lab 5, R 3. C gain 1 from Lab, Lab gain 1 from C, R gain 1 from Lab. New council: C 24, Lab 15, R 6, Ind 2, L 1. No change.

SLOUGH (C) Lab 21, C 15, L 3. Boundary changes. No change.

STARFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS (None): C 22, Lab 13, Ind 8, R 1, others 12. Lab gain 1 from Lab and 1 from Ind, Lab gain 1 from Others. No change.

TEWKESBURY (None): Ind 29, C 13, SDP 2 (1 vacant). Boundary changes. No change.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON (C) C 15, L 1, Ind 4. C gain 1 from Ind. New council: C 36, Ind 12, Lab 3, L 4. No change.

SOUTH NORFOLK (C) C 34, SDP 2, L 3, Ind 7, Lab 1. C gain 6 from Ind, 1 from Lab, Lab gain 2 from C, SDP gain 2 from C. No change.

SOUTH KESTEVEN (None): C 31, Lab 10, Ind 10, L 6, C gain 6 from Ind and 1 from L, Lab gain 4 from C and 2 from Ind, Ind gain 1 from C. C gain control.

SCARBOROUGH (C) C 22, Ind 14, Lab 8, SDP 3, L 2. Ind gain 4 from Lab and 1 from Lab, C gain 1 from SDP, 1 from Lab, and 1 from Lab, Lab gain 2 from C, SDP gain 2 from C. C lose overall control.

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WYRE (C): C 46, Lab 8, L 2, C gain 2 from Ind, 3 from SDP, 1 from C and 1 from L, Lab gain 1 from C and 2 from SDP.

YEOVIL (None): C 20, Lab 1, L 24, SDP 3, Ind 12, L gain 5 from C, 2 from Ind, SDP gain 2 from Ind.

YORK (None): C 7, Lab 6, L 2, C gain 1 from L, Lab gain 2 from C, New Council C 18, Lab 17, L 10.



LOCAL ELECTIONS

Welsh districts

ALYN AND DESIDE (None): Lab 22, C 13, SDP 4, Ind 4, R 1, L 1, Lab gain 1 from L, 1 from R and 1 from C, C gain 1 from R and 1 from L, SDP gain 2 from Ind.

ABERCONWY (Ind): Ind 21, C 12, L 7, Lab 1, L gain 1 from C and 1 from R, Lab gain 1 from Ind.

ARFON (Ind): Lab 12, L 2, PC 11, Ind 15, PC gain 3 from Ind, Lab gain 3 from Ind, L gain 1 from Ind.

AFAN (Lab): Lab 24, R 7, Boundary changes.

BRECKNOCK (Ind): Ind 33, Lab 16, L 1, vacant, L gain 1 from Ind.

BLAENAU GWENT (Lab): Lab 37, PC 2, C 1, L 1, R 2, Ind Lab 3, Lab gain 3 from R, 1 from L and 1 from Ind.

COLWYN (None): L 12, C 10, Lab 1, Ind 9, R/Res 2, Boundary changes.

RYNON VALLEY (Lab): Lab 26, PC 6, Ind 5, Comm 1, FC gain 3 from Lab, Ind gain 3 from Lab.

CARDIFF (Lab): C 34, Lab 28, L 3, Boundary changes.

CARMARTHEN (Ind): Ind 28, Lab 6, L 2, L gain 1 from PC and 1 from Ind.

DINEFWY (Lab): Lab 17, Ind 11, PC 4, Lab gain one from Ind.

DWYFOR (None): FC 4, Ind 25.

DELYN (None): C 4, Lab 18, L 3, Ind 13, PC 2, Ind gain 1 from Lab and 1 from L.

GLYNDFWR (Ind): Ind 31, Lab 2, Lab gain 1 from Ind.

LLANELLI (Lab): Lab 27, L 2, Ind 1, Lab gain 3 from Ind, seats remain to be decided at by-election because of death of a candidate.

MONMOUTH (C): C 28, Lab 7, L 2, Ind 1, C gain 4 from Ind and 7 from Lab, L gain 2 from C, Lab gain 1 from SDP and 1 from Ind, Ind gain 1 from C.

NEATH (Lab): Lab 29, PC 2, SDP 1, Ind 2, Boundary change.

NEWPORT (Lab): Lab 36, C 11, Boundary changes.

PRESELI (None): Ind 41, Lab 3, Lab gain 2 from Ind.

RADNOR (Ind): Ind 33, Boundary change.

RHONDDA (Lab): Lab 26, Ind 1, PC 2, R 4, Lab gain 1 from Comm, 1 from R, R gain 1 from Lab, PC gain 1 from Lab.

RHYMNEY VALLEY (Lab): Lab 34, PC 9, L 1, Ind 2, R 2, PC gained 1 from Lab, 2 from R.

RHUDDLAN (None): Ind 18, C 9, Lab 3, SDP 2, Others 2, Boundary changes.

SWANSEA (Lab): Lab 33, C 16, Ind 1, R 1, C gain 2 from Ind.

SOUTH PEMBROKESHIRE (Ind): Ind 25, Lab 4, Lab gain 3 from Ind.

TORFAEN (Lab): Lab 32, C 1, Ind 10, Lab gain 2 from C, 2 from Ind and 2 from SDP.

VALLE OF GLAMORGAN (C): C 32, Lab 10, Ind 2, PC 2, Boundary changes.

WREKHAM MAELOR (None): Lab 22, C 9, L 2, SDP 1, Ind 1, Others 10, Lab gain 2 from SDP and 1 from Ind.

YNYSS MON-ISLE OF ANGLESEA (Ind): Ind 43, Lab 2, Ind gain 1 from Lab.

WREKHAM MAELOR (None): Lab 22, C 9, L 2, SDP 1, Ind 1, Others 10, Lab gain 2 from SDP and 1 from Ind.

YNYSS MON-ISLE OF ANGLESEA (Ind): Ind 43, Lab 2, Ind gain 1 from Lab.

WREKHAM MAELOR (None): Lab 22, C 9, L 2, SDP 1, Ind 1, Others 10, Lab gain 2 from SDP and 1 from Ind.

YNYSS MON-ISLE OF ANGLESEA (Ind): Ind 43, Lab 2, Ind gain 1 from Lab.

WREKHAM MAELOR (None): Lab 22, C 9, L 2, SDP 1, Ind 1, Others 10, Lab gain 2 from SDP and 1 from Ind.

YNYSS MON-ISLE OF ANGLESEA (Ind): Ind 43, Lab 2, Ind gain 1 from Lab.

WREKHAM MAELOR (None): Lab 22, C 9, L 2, SDP 1, Ind 1, Others 10, Lab gain 2 from SDP and 1 from Ind.

YNYSS MON-ISLE OF ANGLESEA (Ind): Ind 43, Lab 2, Ind gain 1 from Lab.

WREKHAM MAELOR (None): Lab 22, C 9, L 2, SDP 1, Ind 1, Others 10, Lab gain 2 from SDP and 1 from Ind.

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WREKHAM MAELOR (None): Lab 22, C 9, L 2, SDP 1, Ind 1, Others 10, Lab gain 2 from SDP and 1 from Ind.

YNYSS MON-ISLE OF ANGLESEA (Ind): Ind 43, Lab 2, Ind gain 1 from Lab.

WREKHAM MAELOR (None): Lab 22, C 9, L 2, SDP 1, Ind 1, Others 10, Lab gain 2 from SDP and 1 from Ind.

YNYSS MON-ISLE OF ANGLESEA (Ind): Ind 43, Lab 2, Ind gain 1 from Lab.

WREKHAM MAELOR (None): Lab 22, C 9, L 2, SDP 1, Ind 1, Others 10, Lab gain 2 from SDP and 1 from Ind.

YNYSS MON-ISLE OF ANGLESEA (Ind): Ind 43, Lab 2, Ind gain 1 from Lab.

WREKHAM MAELOR (None): Lab 22, C 9, L 2, SDP 1, Ind 1, Others 10, Lab gain 2 from SDP and 1 from Ind.

YNYSS MON-ISLE OF ANGLESEA (Ind): Ind 43, Lab 2, Ind gain 1 from Lab.

WREKHAM MAELOR (None): Lab 22, C 9, L 2, SDP 1, Ind 1, Others 10, Lab gain 2 from SDP and 1 from Ind.

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WREKHAM MAELOR (None): Lab 22, C 9, L 2, SDP 1, Ind 1, Others 10, Lab gain 2 from SDP and 1 from Ind.

YNYSS MON-ISLE OF ANGLESEA (Ind): Ind 43, Lab 2, Ind gain 1 from Lab.

WREKHAM MAELOR (None): Lab 22, C 9, L 2, SDP 1, Ind 1, Others 10, Lab gain 2 from SDP and 1 from Ind.

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WREKHAM MAELOR (None): Lab 22, C 9, L 2, SDP 1, Ind 1, Others 10, Lab gain 2 from SDP and 1 from Ind.

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WREKHAM MAELOR (None): Lab 22, C 9, L 2, SDP 1, Ind 1, Others 10, Lab gain 2 from SDP and 1 from Ind.

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WREKHAM MAELOR (None): Lab 22, C 9, L 2, SDP 1, Ind 1, Others 10, Lab gain 2 from SDP and 1 from Ind.

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WREKHAM MAELOR (None): Lab 22, C 9, L 2, SDP 1, Ind 1, Others 10, Lab gain 2 from SDP and 1 from Ind.

YNYSS MON-ISLE OF ANGLESEA (Ind): Ind 43, Lab 2, Ind gain 1 from Lab.

WREKHAM MAELOR (None): Lab 22, C 9, L 2, SDP 1, Ind 1, Others 10, Lab gain 2 from SDP and 1 from Ind.

Britain's Nato contribution praised

Carrington was the best, Schmidt says

From Michael Binyon, Bonn

Lord Carrington was the best Western Foreign Minister of the late 1970s and early 1980s. Herr Heimut Schmidt, the former West German Chancellor said in an article published yesterday. He said that Lord Carrington's recent lecture on Western relations with the Soviet Union was a "profound criticism of the political, economic and military medley" of the Atlantic alliance. In his first article in *Die Zeit* since being made a co-publisher of the influential political weekly, Herr Schmidt, who is still one of West Germany's most popular politicians, praised Britain's important contribution to the Atlantic community. Despite doubts over the Falklands War and Britain's claims for a rebate from the European Community, the country had contributed to

Nato's political continuity, international experience, insight into a policy of the balance of forces and its demands and what Herr Schmidt called in English Britain's "common sense". Lord Carrington had again shown all these qualities in the Alastair Buchan Memorial Lecture. He had also, building on the until now overwhelmingly successful policy of peace and the indubitable military strength of the alliance, demanded a "positive political strategy in dealing with the Soviet Union". Herr Schmidt commented succinctly, "Quite right". Herr Schmidt, who more than most statesmen was preoccupied with formulating Western relations with Moscow, distinguished three phases of Western post-war policy, the

last being the strategy of keeping up Western military strength while seeking cooperation and détente with the Soviet Union. However he voiced strong criticism of the way this policy had been interpreted in practice, especially by recent American Administrations. Since 1975, he said, the hoped-for cooperation had become for many a dirty word (a phrase he also used in English). "Since the beginning of the Carter Administration the consistency and continuity of joint Western strategy has begun to disappear, first slowly and then ever more quickly". In acid asides Herr Schmidt spoke of America's new strategic thoughts, developed on its own, becoming almost the rule - the strategic understanding with Mr Menachem Begin, the

Israeli Prime Minister, in 1982 and what he called "space warfare" in 1983. Herr Schmidt added: "A new disaster such as the Versailles Summit (no fault of the host) would mean that Williamsburg would be the last meeting of this kind." He called for a new "grand strategy" of the West towards the East. Debates on it would last many years and would certainly not be decided before the 1984 American elections. But it had to be begun. The West needed in the 1980's a new all-embracing inner consistency. He called the Soviet SS-20 missiles, however, a clear violation of the 1972 Soviet-American declaration of principles and of the 1978 Soviet-German declaration. For this reason the Geneva arms talks were very important.



Lord Carrington: Positive political strategy.

Botha gets a racial thumbs down

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

South Africa's proposed constitutional reforms, which for the first time would require whites to share some political power with other racial groups, have come under sharp attack from all points of the political compass. Dr Frederik van Zyl Slabbert, the leader of the liberal Progressive Federal Party, which abstained in a division at the first reading on Thursday, said his party's worst fears had been confirmed.

The Constitution Bill, he said, would entrench the dominance of the ruling National Party, preserve existing discriminatory racial laws, and create a new executive president who would be "an autocratic ruler" with extremely wide powers. By far the most serious flaw in the proposals, however, was the exclusion of 21 million black Africans. No sensible constitutional development was possible "if 70 per cent of the people are excluded from participation in it," Dr Slabbert declared.

Dr Andries Treurnicht, leader of the far-right Conservative Party, which broke away from the National Party last year over the racial reforms, said the proposals would produce "a coalition government, with conflicting parties, conflicting groups of people and conflicting political goals, in which Indians and (mixed-race) Coloureds would rule over whites". That was totally unacceptable, he said. The Conservative Party wanted the continuation of "separate development and full self-determination for whites where they can govern themselves in their own country without interference from other population groups".

Both Dr Slabbert and Dr Treurnicht were speaking on Thursday night at political campaign meetings in Transvaal during the final run-up to four crucial by-elections. The first reaction from the Labour Party, the main Coloured political organization, was more moderate. Its leader, the Rev Allan Hendricks, said the proposals did "not meet all our demands for the future" but they were at least "a departure from the status quo".

Under the proposals, the 2.7 million Coloureds and 850,000 Indians would be represented along with the country's 4.6 million whites in a parliament composed of three racially exclusive houses elected on separate voters' rolls.

Another prominent Coloured leader, the Rev Allan Boesak, president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, who is thought to represent a wider spread of Coloured opinion than Mr Hendricks, saw no reason for optimism however, the Constitution Bill could change nothing and he was "entirely opposed to it".

The most daring aspect of the proposals is that the Cabinet, of which the new executive president would be chairman, would be chosen from all three racial groups. There is a formal sense, therefore, in which Coloureds and Indians could for the first time share Dr Treurnicht's phrase, "rule over whites".

The system is rigged in such a way, however, that the majority party in the White House will determine who becomes president (the first one is likely to be the Prime Minister, Mr P. W. Botha). It is the president who appoints ministers and gives final assent to legislation.

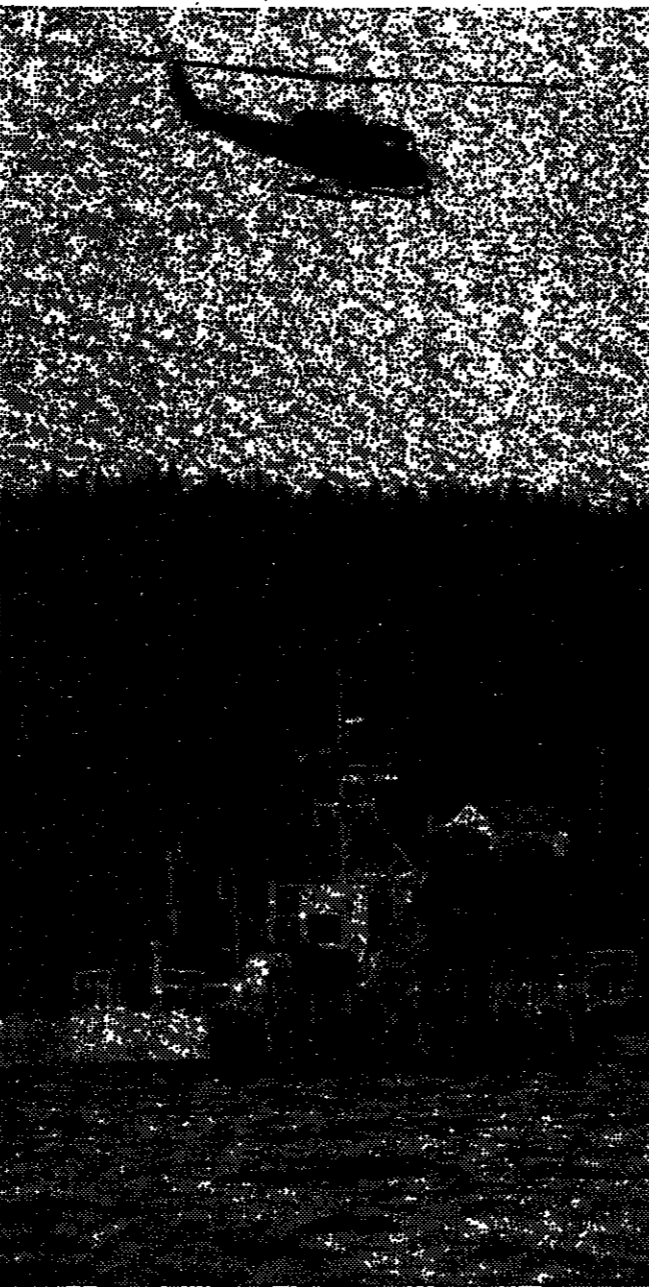
Don't panic plea over submarine

From Christopher Mossey, Stockholm

As the Swedish Navy continued the hunt for two suspected Soviet midget submarines off the east coast city of Sundsvall, Mr Olaf Palme, the Prime Minister, appealed for calm at an international press conference in Stockholm. "We should not panic," he said. "War is not about to start, but it is a serious infringement of our territorial rights and our reaction must be firm". Mr Palme said that, as yet, the Navy had no proof that the submarines were from the Soviet Union. "I think we must be very careful not to blow this affair out of all proportion".

Meanwhile, Commander Tage Spjølinder, naval press spokesman at the search headquarters in Sundsvall, said yesterday that divers had found no trace of a damaged or sunk midget submarine at the spot on the seabed where two mines were detonated on Wednesday.

Mr Palme said that in a meeting on Thursday with Mr Boris Pankin, Soviet Ambassador to Stockholm, he gave the official Soviet reaction to a Swedish protest last month against repeated submarine violations of waters. Mr Pankin said his Soviet Union denied making any such incursions and described Swedish claims that it had done so as "unfriendly". Moscow viewed the Swedish protest with "deep displeasure". "He told me the Soviet Union always respects territorial integrity," Mr Palme said.



Air support: With a helicopter hovering overhead, a Swedish coastguard vessel continues the search.

South Koreans may hold direct talks with China on hijack

From Our Correspondent, Seoul

South Korea is considering a proposal made by China yesterday for direct negotiations after the first successful hijacking of a Chinese airliner to a US air base in South Korea. Five Chinese men and one woman are in custody. The South Korean news agency reported a strong likelihood that the Koreans would accept the Chinese proposal for negotiations, even though China and South Korea do not have diplomatic relations.

According to a report from the New China news agency, Mr Shen, Director-General of the Civil Aviation Administration of China, called his South Korean counterpart, Mr Kim Chol Yong, saying he wanted to come to Seoul to deal with the matter.

In Peking, the Chinese Foreign Ministry calling on the South Koreans to return the hijacked Trident said "armed terrorists" were responsible for seizing the aircraft during a scheduled internal flight from Shenyang to Shanghai.

"The Chinese side requests

the South Korean authorities immediately to return the aircraft together with all the crew members and passengers and hand over the criminals that hijacked the airliner... in accordance with related articles of international civil aviation conventions," it added. Seoul has said it will "handle the mainland Chinese passenger plane crew and passengers... in accordance with the Hague Convention of the prevention of hijacking which both the Republic of Korea and mainland China have signed." It was not clear, however, whether the South Korean authorities would hand over the hijackers if they asked for political asylum. After an abortive hijack attempt on a Chinese airliner last July, five Chinese youths were executed, one given a suspended death sentence and eight imprisoned. After landing, the hijackers asked to see the Taiwanese ambassador. Although it has not been officially announced it is believed they were seeking asylum in Taiwan.

Cat-and-mouse game with Harare officer

From Stephen Taylor, Harare

One of seven officers of the Zimbabwe Air Force detained in connection with the explosions which crippled the Air Force last July remains in custody although the state has twice withdrawn charges against him of involvement in the sabotage operation.

The case of Lieutenant Nigel Lewis-Walker took a new turn on Tuesday when he was served with a new detention order related to the Thornhill attack, immediately after a state prosecutor had again withdrawn charges against him.

As the date approaches for the trial of the other six detained over the sabotage of a dozen Hawk and Hawker Hunter fighters on July 3 it has been confirmed that Mr Harry Ognall QC, who appeared for the Crown in the trial of Peter Satchell, the Yorkshire Ripper, will conduct their defence.

Air Vice-Marshal Hugh Slater, Air Commodore Phillip Pile, Wing Commander Peter Briscoe, Wing Commander John Cox, Air Lieutenant

Barrington Lloyd and Air Lieutenant Neville Weir are due to come before the High Court on May 23. Some of the officers are said in medical reports to have been tortured.

Lieutenant Lewis-Walker was detained at the same time but soon afterwards he was charged with possessing weapons of war, an offence which carries heavy penalties.

On April 22 before the magistrates in Gweru, where the officers have been held, Lieutenant Lewis-Walker's father told the court his son collected military equipment and used his collection in instruction courses at Thornhill, where he was based.

The officer was found guilty of a technical breach of the arms laws and fined \$2100 (\$60), suspended for five years. The prosecution said the sabotage charge was being withdrawn but police thereupon served a detention order and Lieutenant Lewis-Walker returned to prison.

Turkish generals to face EEC wrath

Strasbourg (Reuters) - The European Commission of Human Rights will challenge the record of Turkey's military government in October, commission sources said yesterday.

The commission has been examining complaints lodged last year by France, Sweden, Norway, Denmark and the Netherlands, alleging human rights violations in Turkey, including maltreatment of prisoners and restrictions on trade unions.

Diplomatic sources said that if the complaints were upheld the hearing could damage Turkey's relations with western

Europe and embarrass General Kenan Evren, the Turkish leader, in the run-up to the first elections since he seized power in 1980.

ANKARA: A total of 20,157 people were in Turkish prisons for terrorism-related crimes at the end of March, according to figures released by the Martial Law-Coordination Centre here yesterday, Rasit Gurdilic writes.

The total includes 650 people kept in pre-trial custody, 12,307 undergoing trial in martial law courts and 7,200 serving sentences. Dogu Perincek, the party

chairman, and 27 other leading members of the banned Workers and Peasants Party of Turkey were sentenced to heavy jail terms by a military court here on Wednesday on charges of "striving to establish the dictatorship of one class over others", a legal formula applied to a wide range of Marxist activities.

WASHINGTON: The Senate foreign relations committee has recommended the granting of \$500m (£330m) in military aid to Greece, and \$715m to Turkey for the fiscal year 1984, AFP reports.

Determined independent rides back on 73% poll

By Ronald Faxx

Few towns were hit by a more intensive campaign during the district elections than Fimby in West Cambridgeshire, where 73 per cent of the voters turned out.

By rights and all general election signs the small former mining town should be Labour but has been represented on the Allerdale District Council for 19 years by Mr John Renney, a determinedly independent independent who was returned with an increased majority in spite of the fierce campaign by Labour to unseat him.

"not only did I have the full weight of the socialist party machine working against me, I may be the only independent councillor who had his own MP campaigning against him," Mr Renney said yesterday.

On top of that he faced high local unemployment and a Tory government in its fourth year. "Being independent I am, of

course branded as a Tory," he said. He firmly rejected such an idea, saying he was a "non-political fellow" who represented his ward without being dictated to by any political party.

"They pulled out every stop against me and failed. They must be very dejected today," The former council and finance committee chairman said.

Because of the political activity generated by Mr Renney's fight for survival in Fimby, quite as intensive as any general election, there was a high turnout.

The issues were also akin to a general election with unemployment and government restraints on council spending raised more often than "local issues". The return of Mr Renney also meant that Allerdale remains marginally controlled by an alliance of Independents and Tories.

Ban on pet sales at markets

COMMONS

A Bill to prohibit the sale of animals from barrows or stalls at street markets was one of three backbench measures which completed their passage through the Commons. As it has been through the Lords, it only now awaits royal assent. The other two Bills which have to go through the Lords concern small charities and solvent abuse in Scotland.

Miss Janet Fookes (Plymouth, Drake, C), the sponsor in the Commons, said the Pet Animals Act 1951 (Amendment) Bill would rectify, not before time, a ridiculous situation. It had been a crying scandal that for many years there had been a loophole in the 1951 Act which banned the sale of animals from a street or public place but accepted a barrow or market stall.

Mr David Mellor, Under Secretary of State, Home Office, said much attention had been focused on the situation at Club Row, but after considering all the evidence the Government was satisfied fresh aspects had come to light in the last year that had proved decisive in deciding whether the measure should reach the statute book.

Miss Fookes, moving the third reading of the Bill, paid tribute to people who had formed unofficial vigilante committees and gone to market on Sundays to try to ensure that the best conditions possible were observed.

Scottish move against solvent abuse

Supportive and curing legislation would help solve the problem of glue sniffing by encouraging youngsters and their parents to seek help for their problems. Mr David Marshall (Glasgow, Southside, Lab) said in successfully moving the third reading of the Solvent Abuse (Scotland) Bill. The Bill adds solvent abuse to the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968. To the conditions indicating the need for compulsory measures of care.

He said that although the Bill related only to Scotland that was no reason to delay. Legislation for England and Wales could follow.

A low key approach to the problem had failed.

Mr John Mackay, Under Secretary of State for Scotland, said at first sight banning sales of solvents to children was an attractive proposition but there was a number of difficulties.

However the common law was a more flexible instrument and two Glasgow shopkeepers had been charged at common law with culpably, wilfully and recklessly supplying solvents to children for the purpose of abuse. The case was sub-judice.

Neighbourhood trusts

A Bill, moved by Lady Eakshall (C), to provide for the better use of charitable resources for the benefit of their communities by their amalgamation into neighbourhood trusts, received a second reading in the House of Lords.

Councils warned not to back CND campaign

HOUSE OF LORDS

The Director General of Fair Trading did not propose to make Southwark Council's decision to back blackist contractors working at the Greenham Common missile base a subject of formal investigation, Lord Steensdale, a Government spokesman, told the House of Lords at question time. Lord Hare of Greenwich (SDP) asked whether in view of the decision by the council of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament to intensify the campaign against Turmac Ltd and other Government contractors at Greenham Common, the Government would indicate what legal and other measures it proposed to take to prevent local authorities from following Southwark's example.

Lord Steensdale replied: Local authorities should be very careful as to their attitude to this campaign. It is quite wrong that political considerations of this kind should affect decisions on contracts. The Government will keep in view the question whether the remedies available to firms that are discriminated against are adequate. Lord Hare of Greenwich: What is represented here in the action of Southwark and other local authorities is an abuse of power on a truly deplorable level. The Government has a duty to protect its own contractors and the employees of those contractors from arbitrary action by local authorities on the lines advocated by the CND.

Catching the music pirates

Britain had become Treasure Island for the thieves and pirates, Lord Willis (Lab) said when he successfully moved the second reading of the Copyright (Amendment) (No 2) Bill, which, he said, would plug one or two loopholes in the law on copyright affecting records and music tapes.

It would be said within the scope of the law so that it covered recent rental operations and also discouraged manufacturers and distributors from offering machines which could be used for copying other peoples products and infringing copyright from being offered for sale to the public.

The great increase in piracy had made the need for action more urgent. The Bill was a modest measure designed to plug some of the more obvious loopholes which would help to stem the flow of blood, until more substantial remedies were available. There was

a growing practice of private copying of records and films. The music industry's latest estimate was that they were losing \$300m a year as a result of illegal copying. The Bill would make it a little more difficult for the home tapper and those who used record rental shops for the purposes of copying.

Lord Lyell, The Government spokesman, said the Government had serious reservations about the Bill.

We hope before too long (he said) that we shall be able to bring forward a comprehensive set of proposals for the reform and modernization of all aspects of copyright law.

The Government did not deny that the home taping question was pressing, but it could not be solved until the way provided in the Bill is met. The completion of the Government's review.

Reagan's 'Mr Clean' wins unanimous backing of senators

From Our Own Correspondent, Washington

Mr William Ruckelshaus, the "Mr Clean" nominated by President Reagan to take over the beleaguered Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), yesterday had his appointment unanimously approved by 14 members of the Senate environment committee. His nomination now goes to the Senate floor, where he is expected to win easy confirmation next week.

Mr Ruckelshaus, who was the agency's first administrator during the early 1970s, was brought in by President Reagan two months ago after the resignation of Mrs Anne Burford, whose two-year term at the EPA had been wracked by controversy.

At the time of her resignation no fewer than six congressional and FBI investigations were under way into charges of mismanagement, political manipulation and "sweetheart" deals at the agency. Seven other senior EPA officials have either resigned or been dismissed during the past three months.

Mr Ruckelshaus, who resigned a \$220,000 (£150,000) a year job with a timber firm to take up the \$70,000 post, said during the committee hearings this week that his main reason for accepting the President's invitation was to repair damage done to the agency over the past two years.

He said he would move aggressively to clean up toxic

waste sites without waiting to determine who would bear the costs. This marks a change from the policy followed under Mrs Burford when the EPA tried to negotiate settlements with polluting companies rather than using the agency's \$1,600m "superfund" to clean up waste dumps.

Senator Robert Stafford said Mr Ruckelshaus's appointment was "the first important step in the effort to restore the confidence of the American people and of Congress in the Environmental Protection Agency."

NEW YORK: Two nuclear power plants in the heart of a dense urban area 35 miles north of New York will be shut soon unless "significant deficiencies" in emergency plans are overcome, Christopher Thomas writes.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission said it would issue a closure order by June 9 unless it discovered "compelling" reasons to keep the plants open. After two years of drills and discussions, the plant operators have failed to satisfy the commission that they have a workable plan to evacuate 228,000 people who live near by.

The reactors are at Indian Point, Buchanan, beside the east bank of the Hudson River. It is a heavy commuter area. If they close it will be the first time the commission has hated

a working nuclear plant because of inadequate evacuation plans.

In that event, sufficient power could probably be drawn from other sources to prevent blackouts in New York, but the cost of electricity would rise. The Consolidated Edison Company for Indian Point, the operators, put the cost to consumers at \$482m a year.

Opponents of the plants, however, say domestic electricity bills would increase by no more than 1 per cent over 15 years.

More than 30 years ago the Consolidated Edison Company began studying the possibility of generating electricity with atomic energy. It bought the present site and immediately a long chapter of problems and controversy began.

The cost soared. Congress was told of dead fish in the Hudson. One plant was ordered temporarily shut because of defects. Indian Point became an important focus of national antinuclear protests. A second plant was ordered temporarily shut, then a third.

The worst blow came in March, when the Federal Emergency Management Agency concluded after watching a safety drill that the area around Indian Point was not prepared for a nuclear accident. The safety of 288,000 people, it said, "cannot be assured."

No decision is a good decision as the President keeps everyone guessing

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

Nothing illustrates the differences between the British and American political systems more dramatically than the way the two countries choose their leaders.

It is quite likely there will be a general election in Britain within the next two months, yet the election campaign has not even begun - at least not officially.

In the United States the 1984 presidential election is still more than 18 months away, yet six Democratic hopefuls have already declared their candidacy and in practical terms the field is now closed. The Rev Jesse Jackson, the radical black leader, may still decide to throw his hat in the ring, but this would be more a symbolic gesture than a serious attempt for the party's nomination.

What the Democrats are now waiting for is a clear signal from the White House that President Reagan intends to seek a second term. So far, however, although the conventional wisdom in Washington is that he will decide to run, the President has deliberately avoided taking a firm decision.

One reason for his political obfuscation is to keep the Democrats guessing for as long as possible. The candidate they eventually select will to considerable extent be determined by whether he will be challenging Mr Reagan, Vice-President George Bush, or one of a handful of other Republican aspirants whose political ambitions are being kept in

check by the uncertainty of the President's intentions.

But there are other reasons for the President staying his hand, and he will probably continue to do so at least until Labour Day (September 5). A declaration that he will not run again would definitely weaken his hand in future arms talks with Mr Yuri Andropov, the Soviet leader, and in the Middle East negotiations with Mr Menachem Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister.

Thatcher meeting

Mrs Thatcher will have bilateral talks with President Reagan at the White House on May 27, midway through the Western economic summit at Williamsburg. While in Washington she will also receive an award from the Winston Churchill Foundation of the United States, Downing Street said yesterday.

In this context it is interesting to note that when Mr Reagan was trying to persuade King Hussein of Jordan to participate in Middle East peace negotiations, he assured him, according to a lengthy report in the *Wall Street Journal*, "We will be partners for six more years."

An early announcement would also damage Mr Reagan's chances of negotiating compromises with the Democrats on tax, spending and other domestic issues.

Finally, it is in his interests to put off as long as possible the frictions which inevitably occur between the White House and a President's reelection committee. Rival factions within the White House are already thinking how best to approach next year's election.

The main case for him not seeking a second term is his age. If reelected he would be almost 78 by the end of his second term.

Some observers feel that Mr Reagan may bow out when his programme seems to be producing results. The economy has finally begun to improve and there is a good chance that by this time next year unemployment will be falling and inflation will still be under control.

The President could then leave in a blaze of glory, saying he had fulfilled the task for which he was elected in 1980. He would then hand over to a younger man, presumably Mr Bush, who would campaign on the basis of being the guardian of Mr Reagan's programme.

Such a scenario, while not given much credence at the moment, is certainly not ruled out. Mr Reagan, for one, seems determined to keep it alive - if only to maintain a degree of uncertainty about his plans.

However, most of the puffs of smoke coming from the White House indicate that he will run. The polls show a sharp increase in his popularity. His advisers are urging him to run again, arguing that he is needed to keep the Republican party united, as well as to ensure victory in 1984. Some of them have already started planning next year's primary campaign.

But perhaps the most compelling indication that he will run again is that he clearly enjoys being President and his pleasure seems to be shared by his wife, Nancy.

If he does run, who will the Democrats choose to oppose him? Will they go for a candidate who is as unlike Mr Reagan as possible, who cares about the nation's poor and elderly, who will support minorities and who will do something about unemployment? Such a candidate would be Walter Mondale, Vice-President during the Carter Administration.

Or will they go for someone who embodies many of the qualities that caused voters to elect Mr Reagan in 1980? A solid middle-American whose conservative political philosophy is not so very different from Mr Reagan's but who would enact it in a more humane and caring way. If so, they will choose Senator John Glenn, Korean war hero and former astronaut, who has been described as "the right stuff".

Or will they go for an outsider, as they did in 1976? The answer lies as much with Mr Reagan as it does with the Democratic party itself.



Sign of success: Mr George Shultz (right) and Mr Philip Habib after Israel's agreement to withdraw its troops.

Nicaragua seeks UN help

From Zuzana Fysarivsky, New York

A complaint by Nicaragua that it is the victim of invasions from anti-government forces, inspired and sustained by the United States, is to be considered by members of the United Nations Security Council for the second time in as many months.

In a letter to Mr Umba di Lutete of Zaire, the president of the council, Señor Hugo Tinoco, the Deputy Foreign Minister of Nicaragua, underscored the need for a meeting and urged that he expected the council to take concrete measures to stem the incursions and rein in the Reagan Administration's plans to continue to destabilize the Sandinist Government.

The request follows a large-scale incursion by rebel forces from Honduras into northern areas of Nicaragua and President Reagan's admission that the United States is supporting "freedom fighters" opposed to the ruling Nicaraguan junta by giving warning that any efforts by Congress to stem such

support would be setting a dangerous precedent by hampering the powers of the executive office.

The reasons behind the timing of Nicaragua's call for a council meeting are two-fold. While international support for efforts to alleviate its plight were overwhelming in March when the council last met on the issue, President Reagan has now inadvisably provided the Sandinist Government with formidable ammunition in its case against the United States.

Nicaragua is also seeking to infuse new momentum in the negotiations of the Contadora group of Colombia, Mexico, Panama and Venezuela, which has been overshadowed by American intentions to step directly into the escamaking process. On Thursday Costa Rica announced that it would issue an appeal to Organization of American States for the setting up of a peace-keeping force to patrol its joint border with Nicaragua.

Señor Javier Perez de Cuellar

lar, the Secretary General, made clear at a press conference that the United Nations considered the Sandinista the legal government of Nicaragua. When asked about President Reagan's statement, he said: "He has his opinion, I have mine."

SAN HOSE: Rebel Nicaraguan forces turned over a captured Sandinista officer to the International Red Cross on the Costa Rican border on Thursday, rebel officials here said, according to AP.

They identified him as 2nd Lieutenant Danilo Lugo Davila.

LONDON: Oxfam, the international relief organization, is pulling one of its workers out of Nicaragua after his Jeep was fired on by anti-government forces. Mr John Howard, aged 25, a water engineer from Abingdon, Oxfordshire, was unhurt but badly shaken in the attack earlier this month.

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Jews upset by media 'distortion'

By Edward Mortimer

There is "virtual unanimity" among British Jews that Israel's actions in Lebanon last year were "wildly and distorted by the media throughout the world", according to Mr William Frankel, a former editor of the *Jewish Chronicle*.

Mr Frankel made the remark on Thursday night when opening a symposium organized in London by the Institute of Jewish Affairs to discuss "the media and the war in Lebanon". His statement was, however, hotly contested by some Jewish members of the audience.

Mr Michael Pinto-Duschinsky, a lecturer in politics at Oxford University, said he believed the Western press had been misled, and that most of the criticisms of Israel in the Israeli press. But this was clearly a minority view among the Jewish audience.

Mr Melvin Lasky, editor of *Encounter*, said his criticisms of the media were not based on Jewish sentiments or a Jewish defence of Israel, but on analysis of a very challenging and important political and moral phenomenon.

He said a study of the press not only in Britain but in the United States and Germany had led him to the conclusion that there were "patterns of such bias, such antipathy as to become a major phenomenon".

Mr Lasky was particularly critical of Robert Fisk, *the Times* Middle East correspondent. He described the award of a prize to Dr Fisk for his coverage of the Lebanese war as "one of the most irresponsible acts of journalism in our time". But Dr Fisk was vigorously defended by Mr Jeremy Isaacs, the chief executive of Channel Four, who described him as "one of the best journalists I have the privilege of reading in the press, and one who tells me more about what is going on in the Arab world than anybody else I can think of".

Britain cool to changes in budget

By Patricia Clough

The Government reacted with marked coolness yesterday to the European Commission's proposals for solving the EEC's budget problem. But, officials said, an agreement in principle between heads of government at the Stuttgart summit next month was still possible.

The proposals to increase the Community's financial resources while reducing the proportion spent on agriculture is "a step in the right direction, but it does not go nearly far enough".

The revenue paid in by member states from value-added tax would increase from 1 per cent to 1.4 per cent, while only 33 per cent of the total budget - compared with 6.5 per cent at present - would be used to support agriculture. Further funds would be raised according to criteria weighted against the more agriculture-oriented countries.

Mr Douglas Hurd, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, said on a radio programme last night that the plan "does not tackle the real hemorrhage, the real bleeding of the Community, which is the very high expenditure on farm surpluses, export subsidies and so on."

It was clear that the Government is planning to stick to its refusal to lift the 1 per cent ceiling on the value-added tax funds that member states pay as a bargaining position from which it can demand a tighter rein on farm spending.

Nevertheless, the Foreign Office is confident that an agreement in principle can be reached in Stuttgart on a long-term solution.

Mr Hurd: Plan does not tackle real problem.

EEC asks Argentina to explain disappearances

Bonn (Reuters) - The European Community demanded further explanations from Argentina's military rulers yesterday for the disappearance of thousands of people during the past eight years.

Argentina said last week that those still missing must be presumed to have been killed during a campaign against left-wing guerrillas after the military seized power in 1976. Church and human rights organizations estimate that between 15,000 and 30,000 people disappeared during that period.

Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, speaking as current President of the Council of Foreign Ministers, said: "The military junta's document published on April 23 cannot be accepted as a sufficient or final answer to the many requests by the Ten for information from the Argentine Government on the fate of missing people."

"The Ten, therefore, maintain their demand that the Argentine Government make sure of a satisfactory explanation."

Welcoming recent steps towards the reestablishment of constitutional order in Argentina, Herr Genscher said the Community believed that human rights and the clarification of the fate of the missing had a central importance in this connection.

"Relations between several European countries and Argentina, still burdened by the Falklands conflict, have been further strained by exchanges 'Buenos Aires' recalled, its ambassador to Italy this week, a angry message from President Sandro Pertini of Italy and President Renaldo Bignone of Argentina about last week's junta statement. An Argentine embassy spokesman talked on Thursday of the current crisis in our relations with Italy."

100 police injured in Paris riots

Paris (AFP, Reuters) - One hundred police were injured in Thursday night's clashes with students, according to official figures released yesterday on the latest of several days of protests against a new higher education Bill.

The violence came after a series of separate rallies in Paris by traders opposed to new inspection regulations and farmers protesting foreign imports.

The violence erupted among several hundred helmeted students, some armed with petrol bombs, charged the police at the end of a peaceful gathering of 8,000 students. Police responded by firing tear gas.

Farmers who were protesting against foreign meat imports released animals near the Eiffel Tower. Wine dealers jammed Paris traffic by driving delivery lorries deliberately slowly to protest against restriction on wine prices.

Students blamed right-wing extremists who do not belong to the universities for the worst disorders in the capital since the 1968 student riots.

A union spokesman for the riot police expressed alarm on television over the worsening confrontation with thousands of middle-class students. He accused the authorities of deliberately allowing situations to develop between police and demonstrators where violence was inevitable.

Missing engine seals caused airliner plunge

From Christopher Thomas, New York

A jet airliner without engine power plunged four miles to within 2,800ft of ditching in the ocean near Miami on Wednesday. Then, the tail engine developed just enough thrust for the pilot to make a shaky but safe landing.

There were 172 people onboard as it fell from the sky. Captain Dick Boddy had already told them to "be ready to open the doors and hit the water."

The drama began soon after takeoff from Miami to Nassau, Bahamas, when the pilot shut down the tail engine because of dangerously low oil pressure. Then the pressure fell in the two other engines.

Cabin staff were ordered forward, told what was happening as the aircraft turned for home, then began to get everybody ready for a crash landing. Soon afterwards both wing engines failed as 23,000ft.

There was apparently a great deal of screaming and pleading but in the end no real panic.

The cause of the near-disaster was missing oil seals that are routinely removed during maintenance. Somebody forgot to put them back, according to Eastern Airlines.

Poles defiant at burial of May Day victim

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

The funeral of a young Pole killed during May Day demonstrations turned yesterday into a determined pro-Solidarity rally, with several hundred mourners chanting anti-government slogans.

Ryszard Smagorz, a printer, aged 29, was killed in Nowa Huta while demonstrations were raging in the southern steel city. The circumstances of his death are not clear. According to one version, he was walking with his wife and child near the scene of the riots and was hit in the throat by a missile, probably a tear gas canister.

Many of the mourners seemed convinced he was a victim of police action. One wailed: "To our friend killed by Zomos (riot police) on

the first of May - from your friends in Nowa Huta."

As the coffin was carried to the grave, mourners made victory signs and chanted "Solidarity, Solidarity". Overhead, a helicopter hovered and was met with shouts of "Here comes the crow" (slang for Military Council).

The atmosphere was bitter. A friend of the dead man said at the graveside: "We deeply believe that your death at such a young age will not be in vain. It will serve as a lesson to all young people." The crowd left quietly after the burial.

The Communist Party newspaper, *Trybuna Ludu*, has published an unusually sharp attack on Mr Lech Walesa, chairman of Solidarity.

Brazil-Libya rift widens

Brasilia (Reuters) - The diplomatic rift between Brazil and Libya widened yesterday as negotiations bogged down on the return of a Libyan arms shipment intercepted here en route for Nicaragua.

The Brazilian Foreign Ministry issued a statement rejecting a demand by Colonel Gaddafi, the Libyan leader, that the 52

ton of arms and explosives be sent back in the four Libyan aircraft Brazil detained on April 16. Brazil insists the arms will be returned separately.

Brazilian authorities detained the four aircraft during refuelling stop when they found the cargo, declared as medical supplies, was in fact arms.

Top Italian politician dies at 57

Rome (Reuters) - Signor Tommaso Morino, the Italian Senate leader, who held consultations earlier this week towards forming a new government, collapsed and died at his home yesterday after suffering a suspected heart attack.

Signor Morino, aged 57, who was the Christian Democrat Senate leader since December, was asked by President Pertini on Monday to consult the country's political leaders about the possibility of forming a new government.

Signor Amintore Fanfani, the former Prime Minister, and President Pertini went to Signor Morino's home as soon as they heard of his illness.

27 arrested in Mafia swoop

Rome (AP) - Police yesterday announced the arrest of 27 Mafia and Camorra suspects in several cities overnight in a crackdown on organized gangs. They said they were seeking six members of the Camorra, the Naples Mafia-type underworld gang, including a sister of Raffaele Cutolo, who heads a leading Camorra faction.

Thirteen Camorra suspects were rounded up in Rome, Naples, Salerno and Avellino, police said. The remaining 14 all Mafia suspects, were arrested in Reggio Calabria and Turin.

Hungry Africa

Rome (Reuters) African countries could need a substantial increase in food aid this year after unfavourable growing conditions for the second year running, according to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization. Last year Africa imported 23.9 million tonnes of food.

New archbishop

Santiago - The Pope announced yesterday that Cardinal Raul Silva Henríquez would be replaced by Bishop Juan Francisco Fresno, aged 69, as the new Archbishop of Santiago. Cardinal Silva Henríquez played a leading role in defending human rights.

Ojukwu wins

Mr Odumegwu Ojukwu, the former Biafran leader, who has had an injunction, which threatened to prevent him remaining in Senate seat, lifted by the Nigerian High Court. Mr Ojukwu returned to Nigeria last June after more than 12 years in exile.

Disaster nation

Bangui (AFP) - The military Government in the Central African Republic has officially designated the whole country a disaster zone after three months of unprecedented drought and called for "urgent and massive" international help.

La Paz protest

La Paz (Reuters) - Police firing water cannon and tear gas dispersed 200 civil servants demonstrating outside the Bolivian Parliament in support of demands for a law allowing them to form their own union.

Mayors unite

Brussels - All 19 mayors in the Brussels area have called on the Belgian Government to bring in tough new regulations to control immigration and to offer repatriation to any migrants who want to leave the country.

Coalinga aid

San Antonio (Reuters) - President Reagan has issued a disaster declaration authorizing the use of federal funds for relief work in the earthquake-shattered Californian oil town of Coalinga.

MP stops play

Harare (AFP) - Mr Herbert Ujehwakwaze, Zimbabwean Home Affairs Minister, ordered the police to stop an important football match in Bulawayo at short notice because it conflicted with a workers' day rally which he was addressing.

Date for Kohl

Bonn - Chancellor Kohl is to spend four days in talks with Soviet leaders in Moscow from July 4 to July 8, it was announced here. The trip was originally planned for two days.

Setting sun

The eastern Caribbean islands of St Christopher and St Nevis now look set to become fully independent of British rule later this year after a government order was passed by the Commons without a vote.

Court halts publication of Australia's secret files

From Our Correspondent, Melbourne

The Australian Government acted yesterday to stop the weekly newspaper *The National Times* from publishing further extracts from secret files which allegedly came from the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO). It sought a High Court interim injunction, which was granted shortly after midnight, stopping further publication.

Australian intelligence agencies face a witch hunt after the publication yesterday of the extracts. Last night, Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister,

confirmed that some of the published allegations were correct.

The leaking of the documents, which are believed to cover the activities of ASIO, the Joint Intelligence Organisation which has links with British and American intelligence agencies and other intelligence organisations, has been described by one Canberra source as a massive breach of security.

Mr Hawke said in Canberra that the allegations concerned the "greatest issues of Australia's international relationships

and domestic security considerations".

While not conceding that all the allegations were accurate, he admitted that some were. Asked how such a mass of material got into the hands of *The National Times*, the Prime Minister said: "No, we don't know, but clearly, as I am indicating, we are taking steps to try and find out."

The injunction will stop *The National Times* from publishing further extracts.

Mr Hawke acted after consulting Mr Andrew Peacock, the

Leader of the Opposition. Mr Peacock said: "I fully support what the Government has done."

One of the main allegations in the article is that the ASIO gave information about prominent Australians to the American Central Intelligence Agency.

Another allegation is that the ASIO organized a break-in at the home of Sir William McMahon, who later became Prime Minister, in an unsuccessful attempt to find politically damaging material.

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THE ARTS

Radio

Going a step further

A second airing of In the Psychiatrist's Chair (Radio 4, Wednesdays)...

Women are often able to articulate better than men

one has never heard of and never will because they are anonymous. In six half-hour conversations with Peter France...

David Wade

Dance

The importance of atmosphere

Swan Lake Covent Garden

To prevent confusion: the Royal Ballet company that usually plays at Covent Garden is on tour in the Far East...

The six great pillars of his permanent structure still dominate, transformed by different details into a courtyard, a ballroom or a ruined castle...



Galina Samsova as Odette, David Ashmore as Prince Siegfried... the sparkle was lacking

many of the women in the company had never worn a tutu on stage. Now they have had the chance to grow into the romantic-classic style and show that they can do it well.

That in turn affected David Ashmore, a dancer who looks sensitive to atmosphere and nuance. He is by physique and temperament better-suited to Siegfried than any of the Royal Ballet's other men...

John Percival

Theatre

Far Above Rubies The Drill Hall

The women rose up and struck in righteous anger at the gods of Judaism and Islam - and with good cause if the case histories presented in Julia Pascal's play are evidence of the injustice perpetrated in the name of religion...

David Wade

evening in the documentation of the fear under which Iranian women live. The hatred of Muslim fanatics spills over against any female who has not voluntarily placed herself under house arrest...

Universe who has not made me a woman" - is the starting point for an attack on the chauvinistic Judaeo-Islamic world...

Clare Colvin

Television

Falling off the moon

Not all the men who have been in space have been elevated emotionally by the experience in the long run. Some have suffered breakdowns, others have disappeared into a fundamentalism that seems the opposite of a technological breakthrough...

Chuck Miller, "Smiling Chuck" to his NASA colleagues, has walked the moon. Back on earth he stops smiling, finding himself on the public-relations circuit, the astronaut's equivalent to being out to pasture...

The first chore he finds tedious and that precludes the second course. Questioners at his lectures are not reaching for the moon but wondering how he went to the loo there.

Dennis Hackett

WEEKEND CHOICE

The Underwater World of Al Giddings (tomorrow, BBC 2, 7.15 pm) which immediately opens the re-run of Robert Hughes's horizon-extending essays about modern art...

Derek Bailey's marathon, Music in Time (tomorrow, Channel 4, 7.15 pm), now a quarter through its 16-week run is not pandering to popular taste. Quite right, too. There are plenty of other music programmes happy to do that...

Peter Davalle

Sorsa leads coalition for fourth time

Finland's new four-party centre coalition headed by Mr Kalevi Sorsa democratic leader, was sworn in yesterday. This is the fourth time that Mr Sorsa has led Finland's Government...

Socialists still call the tune

In municipal elections tomorrow Spain's Socialist Government is expected to consolidate at local level the power it won nationally for the first time in 40 years...

Spanish cities go to polls

Señor Tierno: Looking unbeatable in Madrid exploit the contrast with the dismal record in local government of the Franco regime.

Law Report May 7 1983 Court of Appeal Injuries claim limited by air convention

Goldman v Thai Airways International Ltd Before Lord Justice Eveleigh, Lord Justice O'Connor and Lord Justice Purchas [Judgment delivered May 5] The court, in a reserved judgment, allowed an appeal by the airline, Thai Airways International Ltd, from the judgment of Mr Justice Chapman...

The article contained no exception from liability in the case of an act done for justifiable cause. There might be occasions when an act could be said to be done recklessly in regard to one possible kind of damage although morally wholly justified as the price of averting some other more serious hurt.

Tanzania seizes 25 British Asians

Tanzania has announced details of the first 1,294 people arrested since a national campaign against "economic saboteurs" was launched at the end of March.

Excommunication spells end for sect

The decision of the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in Rome was taken after many warnings from the office of the Archbishop of Siena against Signor Babbini, a faith healer who is accused of having challenged the authority of the Pope and the bishops.

Señor Tierno: Looking unbeatable in Madrid

exploit the contrast with the dismal record in local government of the Franco regime. Campaigning has been tough, unlike the general election, with strong class overtones and violence.

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From Charles Harrison, Nairobi members of the ruling Chama Cha Mapinduzi Party. Of this total, 25 hold British passports. They are all thought to be Asians since Asians have been singled out for special attention in the drive against black marketeers, smugglers and currency manipulators.

No copyright breach

Durion Company Ltd v Hugh Jennings and Co Ltd A company had not been in breach of artistic copyright in manufacturing and selling a product to the design given in another company's drawings where only the accompanying table of statistics and not the pictorial element had been relied upon.

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THE TIMES DIARY

Off-on Bach?

Arrangements for Sir Lennox Berkeley's eightieth birthday concert, at the Queen Elizabeth Hall next Saturday, are becoming molo agitata.

Acid test

The Department of the Environment has decided to set aside nearly £500,000 this year for research into acid rain.

The service list for the chapel of St John's College, Cambridge, tomorrow evening states: 'No sermon. The anthem will be "I was glad."

Broke, mouldy?

The compiler of Camden SDP's newsletter claims to have seen this graffiti at a railway station: "The Tories are the cream of society, rich, thick, and full of clots."

My word!

My confidence in your omniscience was fully justified. I was supplied with the word which means "carousing of seamen on icebound ships" within a minute of entering my office yesterday morning.

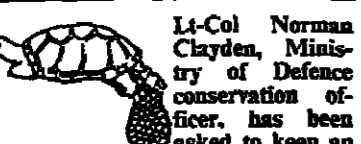
BARRY FANTONI



"I do hope, Tamsin, this doesn't herald yet another Sixties revival"

Cop that

During the final of the Police Athletic Association football championship in Belfast, a Metropolitan police officer knocked an RUC constable to the ground and kicked him in the stomach.



Lt-Col Norman Clayden, Ministry of Defence conservation officer, has been asked to keep an eye on hundreds of lovebird green turtles which mate and lay their eggs on Ascension. Military activities on the island have arranged a wire fence corridor that funnels expectant mothers to a safer part of the beach.

PHS

Even the omens don't know

by David Butler

If Mrs Thatcher asks for a dissolution next week she will be going to the country from a stronger position than any prime minister since the war.

But even if Thursday's local elections had given 5 per cent more or 5 per cent less to any party than they actually did, they would not have offered any certain guidance to Mrs Thatcher.

So for the Conservatives to fare as well as they did on Thursday, notably in such key places as Birmingham, Nottingham and Cardiff, must be comforting for Mrs Thatcher and Mr Parkinson.

Yet the margin was not enough for real Conservative assurance. Labour was only 5 per cent behind the Conservatives in terms of votes; the Alliance, although 13 per cent behind Labour, still had 22 per cent - more than any third party vote in a general election since 1929.

For the past two years the electorate has been in a more fickle mood than ever before. The opinion polls have shown fluctuations ranging from 15 per cent to 30 per cent in the support for each of the parties. By-elections have fully confirmed the new propensity to

change sides; in the final days at Berrymond and Darlington the party balance was transformed, but in opposite directions.

The Alliance has the most lightly rooted support of all the parties but it still has the potential to flower or to fade spectacularly during the three weeks of a general election campaign. Even in the more stable days of June 1970 and February 1974, universal predictions that the government would be re-elected were confounded by a last-minute swing.

To make these points is not to predict disaster for Mrs Thatcher. Ladbroke's quote 100 to 1 against her winning a 200 majority (the largest margin since 1935). A betting man should jump at such odds. The real odds must be much shorter than that. In the other hand, Corals also quote 9 to 2 on a Conservative victory. Don't take that bet. The Conservatives are rightly favourites to win, but they should not be as hot favourites as that.

The television networks offered three different translations of how

Thursday's voting could apply to the new-drawn parliamentary constituencies. ITN produced the middle estimate: Conservative 347, Labour 258, Alliance 20. On that basis the Conservatives gain 21 more seats than are needed for a clear majority.

However, there may be a latent danger in the situation for the Conservatives. The table of marginal seats shows how a large Alliance advance may help Labour. In the constituencies of Cambridge and Pendle the Alliance vote leapt to produce three-horse races from which Labour emerged with two of their few gains.

Two other seats where the Liberals polled threateningly well, Cheltenham and Chelmsford, are traditionally Conservative. The Liberals claim to be satisfied with the vote in the seats of their sitting MP, David Alton, who has had to move across Liverpool to Mossley Hill, can boast of a 49 per cent Liberal vote in his new constituency.

The Alliance has some notable advances but it does not seem to have moved into a clear lead

anywhere. The Alliance vote in David Owen's Devonport (24 per cent), Bob Mitchell's Riven (18 per cent), and David Ginsburg's Dewsbury (15 per cent) can hardly encourage the SDP MPs.

In the private Alliance quarrel in Liverpool, the Liberals outpulled the SDP by 15 to one in the six wards where they fought each other, but where they fought the SDP, allowing nationally even the SDP, allowing for the number of defectors standing again in safe Labour seats, made a small advance while the Liberals have more councillors than at any point since the war. Although the Alliance was disappointed in many of its hopes it has shown that it is still advancing in some areas and certainly far from being written off as a national force.

The North-South difference was once more in evidence, as this table shows:

Table with 3 columns: % swing from Conservative to Labour, North Midlands, South. Rows: 1979-83, 1982-83.

It is notable that the Midlands has moved even further against Mrs Thatcher than the North. But it is not a uniform movement - as illustrated by the voting changes in the table of six districts.

As Mrs Thatcher and her colleagues pour over Central Office's computer analyses this weekend it is to be doubted whether they will feel much wiser. They may be a bit worried at a few of the Alliance advances and at their failure to realize to the full the hopes the opinion polls may have given them, but in the 1980s electioneering will be an ever more uncertain sport. There are no dead certs. The author is a Fellow of Nuffield College, Oxford.

MARGINALS, 1979-83

Table with 3 columns: Con, Lab, Alliance. Rows: Southampton, Ipswich, Walsell South.

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Table with 3 columns: Lab, Con, Lib. Rows: Bury South, Cambridge, Pendle.

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Table with 3 columns: Lab, Con, Lib. Rows: Birmingham, Lodge Hill, Halifax, Leicester East.

KEY DISTRICTS 1979-83

Changes in % of vote

Table with 3 columns: Con, Lab, Lib. Rows: Liverpool, Newcastle, Birmingham, Derby, Oxford, Gillingham.

The imperfect dream: a return passage to India

by Enoch Powell

I never read A Passage to India until last year, at a great distance therefore of time and circumstance from the years either of its composition or of the huge popularity which it enjoyed immediately after its publication in 1924.

Forster was in India for five months in 1912-13 and for nine months in 1921, mainly in the United Provinces (Uttar Pradesh) and Bihar, and in the state of Dewas Senior. I ought, before addressing myself to an assessment of Forster's book, to lay my own credentials on the table.

I was in India as an officer (British service, General Staff, lieutenant-colonel to brigadier) for two years and a half, from August 1943 to February 1946. It was at my own desire (as often happens in the British Army in wartime) that I went east after two years' service in the Middle East and North Africa Commands. I wanted to get into the war against Japan as soon as the crisis of the war with Germany was past, with a view, as I used to put it, to 'getting to Singapore before the Americans'. In the summer of 1943 I jumped into Wingate's taxi in Cairo to beg a place in the Chindits, but he was killed before I cashed the cheque. In the end I persuaded General Cawthorn, a 16th Punjab, the Director of Military Intelligence (India), to take me on his staff to organize joint service intelligence.

I saw this as just a stepping-stone to the Far East; but by the time Lord Mountbatten in 1944 moved South-East Asia Command from Delhi to Kandy (Sri Lanka) had fallen, I had fallen, and helplessly in love with India, and I refused a transfer to Mountbatten's staff. If in 1946 there had been a foreseeable future in the Indian Army, I would have opted to 'leave my bones there'. There was not, and I came home. General Cawthorn, who became almost a second father to me, continued in senior military and civil capacities to serve the successor state of Pakistan. He never lost his faith in India or Pakistan. He had watched with pleasure and approval the growth of my Indian absorption.

The love affair started on my first night in India, which I passed in my valise on a platform at Delhi railway station. With the sights, the sounds and the odours I drew in a new stimulation. For the next two years and a half I studied, enquired and read voraciously about India. It was in Delhi that for the first time in my life I began to take an interest in buildings. I became an amateur of Islamic architecture, travelling in search of the more celebrated examples by train and by bicycle - above all by bicycle, the ideal form of Indian locomotion.

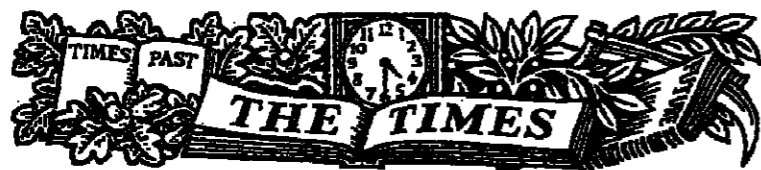
On short leaves my heater and I put our bicycles in the luggage van and might have been seen in silhouette cycling in single file along a road somewhere in the U.P. or Gujarat. He was a tall, solemn Poonchi, whom I remember on the day I left India for home bursting into tears which trickled slowly down his long bearded beard. It was not the only sad leave-taking that day. The other was from my Urdu teacher, a man of Panipat, himself a poet and nephew of one of the greatest Urdu poets, Wali. He had not only taken me through my interpretation but we had worked together at the prosody and scansion of Urdu poetry, he reflectively chewing betel from his silver pan-box as I read aloud.

No man can see India in ten or twenty times as long as I was there. But I was fortunate, though huge areas remained blank on my map, to

cross and re-cross the sub-continent from Rawalpindi to Akyab in Burma, from Karachi to Dacca, from Madras to Darjeeling, and not the least rewarding months were those when I wrote - all but single-handed - the report of the Committee on the Post-War Indian Army, the army that was to be torn in two, to whose last commander-in-chief, Auchinleck, I gave my own copy thirty years later. But I must discipline myself, and not run on, adding memory to memory from the torrent of pictures that come tumbling out at the summings of an Indian word or an Indian event. Still, the nature of my own Indian experience is strictly relevant to the impression left upon me by A Passage to India.

That impression was initially one of repugnance at a representation so patently and grossly distorted. N. C. Chaudhuri was near the mark when he associated the book with 'the growth of that mood which enabled the British people to leave India with an almost Platonic gesture of washing their hands of a disagreeable affair'. Even taking into account the fact that most of the book was written during the aftermath of the massacre in the Jallianwala Bagh, Amritsar, the book reads like a deliberate caricature, as biased and as ill-informed as the deliverances of that proverbial fun-finger, Paget MP, who spent 'twenty-one days in India' before writing his authoritative accounts.

To me it simply rang false that the National Anthem longer the Anthem of the Army of Occupation; it reminded every member of the Club that he or she was British and in exile; or that an English woman 'who had been a nurse in a native state' said that a dying Indian 'can go where he likes as long as he doesn't come near me, they give me the creeps'; or that a city magistrate would say, 'I am out here to work, mind, to hold this wretched country by force'; or that the lieutenant-governor of a province, because exempted by a long career in the Secretaryship from personal contact with the peoples of India' was therefore 'able to speak of them urbanely and deplore racial prejudice'; or that his mere city magistrate would write, 'I am out here to work, mind, to hold this wretched country by force'; or that the lieutenant-governor of a province, because exempted by a long career in the Secretaryship from personal contact with the peoples of India' was therefore 'able to speak of them urbanely and deplore racial prejudice'; 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TIME TO DECIDE

The local election results are in. They may be open to a variety of interpretations, but there is nothing in them which can provide any convincing evidence to dissuade the Prime Minister from a June election if that is her intention. It is very hard to see how it could not be her intention, given the fact that she has not - whatever she says to the contrary - taken active steps to allay or dispel the speculation which has grown apace ever since she returned from the Falklands in January.

Any Prime Minister is entitled to weigh up the evidence before reaching such a decision. It has traditionally been more personal to the office of Prime Minister than any other in Cabinet government. This weekend, with her advisers at Chequers, Mrs Thatcher now has that opportunity. On Monday - certainly by Tuesday morning at the latest - she must take the whole nation into her confidence. It would be extremely unwise, to say the least, to play about with this imponderable for another session of Prime Minister's Questions on Tuesday.

Theoretically, the choices she has before her this weekend are for June or no June and, if the former, when in June. In practice the expectation of an election has made it almost inconceivable that Mrs Thatcher will now seek further delay. Apart from anything else she would not thereby dim the lights. The body politic would merely look ahead to October and resign itself to a four month bout of pre-election fever instead of a short sharp spasm lasting only a few weeks.

The man in the street is certainly less taken up with elections than any member of the political establishment. But even he cannot indefinitely remain immune to the speculation which has continued to rise week by week. The financial, bureaucratic and commercial worlds have not remained unaffected either. Though Mrs Thatcher's purpose has been to close no option, the effect now of closing the June option would not be to restore a stable climate in which business decisions could be made, but rather to prolong the period of uncertainty. Moreover though her Party would muffle its criticism of her, and support her through to October - or even until next year if necessary - there would now be a general sense of political let-down and procrastination which would be very damaging to the authority of the Government.

That is a pity, but hardly unexpected in view of the way election speculation can acquire a self-fulfilling dynamic of its own. So if June, when? A Prime Minister's diary is full every day and every week of the year. There are engagements even now in Mrs Thatcher's diary which could be held to inhibit her choice of a date in 1984. Naturally therefore the next five or six weeks are a congestion of summits, state visits, and official visitors.

The governmental machine will have to weigh up all these factors. The Prime Minister's attendance or non-attendance at the European Summit could easily influence the nature of an agreement on the important issue of Britain's rebate from the European budget. There is the Williamsburg summit at the end of May, which the Prime Minister is keen to attend. It is important that the Queen's business, in all its aspects, is carried on - indeed part of the tradition of continuity in British politics relies on that requirement being observed, even at times of election.

However there is no convincing argument for letting any one of these events determine the election timing, since, in reality, they will all occur during an election period, whatever the precise timetable of the official campaign. It would be better therefore to get the business over with, and quickly.

THE COMMISSION MAKES A START

At last the European Commission has come up with detailed proposals for the reform of the Community budget. One should not expect that they will immediately satisfy all member states. That would be nothing short of a miracle. What is needed is a realistic starting-point for negotiations, first in the Council of Ministers and then at the European Council (summit), which meets in Stuttgart on June 6 and 7.

Clearly the proposals as they stand fall short of Britain's objectives. They do not suggest that member states' contributions should be based straightforwardly on their gross national product, as most people in Britain would think fair. No doubt the Commission felt that so radical a departure from the Community's original principles would have no real chance of being accepted by some other member governments, notably France.

Instead, it proposes that the present system of assessment should continue, except for that part (at present roughly half) of the cost of the common agricultural policy which exceeds 33 per cent of the total budget. The cost of such excess agricultural spending would be shared among the member states according to a complicated formula taking into account their share in the production of the agricultural products covered by the policy, their per capita gross domestic product, and their contribution to the Community's "net operating surplus".

Under that formula, Britain's share of the cost would come down from nineteen to eleven per cent while those of France, Holland, Denmark and Italy would go up. The effect would be

to cut Britain's deficit with the Community by something between a third and a half.

That is unlikely to be good enough for Mrs Thatcher, who is said to be looking for a permanent reduction in the deficit of at least two-thirds. Under the Commission's proposals the only way she could get this would be through a shift of Community expenditure away from agriculture towards other sectors which would benefit Britain more. Clearly the Commission's formula is intended to achieve this over time. Its implication is that 33 per cent, as opposed to the present 65, would be a normal proportion of the budget for agriculture to consume, and its effect is to discourage the present beneficiaries of the CAP from pushing for a higher proportion than this by making them bear a larger share of the cost.

Yet it is fairly clear that the Commission does not expect this to happen through an actual reduction of spending on agriculture as an absolute sum. The reduction would be relative, resulting from an increase in the total budget with which agricultural spending would not keep pace. The Commission believes that in any case the total budget is bound to go on rising, and cannot be contained beyond the end of next year within the one per cent of value added tax earmarked for it by the treaties.

The British Government, officially at least, does not agree. And it is right not to agree, in as much as a lot of the money now spent by the Community is ill spent on financing (and storing) unusable surpluses of perishable products. But politically, alas, the Commission is almost certainly right. It is not realistic to

expect governments to sanction an actual reduction in agricultural spending. The French government at any rate, already at loggerheads with doctors, students and shopkeepers, is hardly going to risk a peasants' revolt for the sake of good house-keeping in Brussels, still less for the sake of the British taxpayer.

The best we can hope for is to slow down the growth of agricultural spending, and to make sure that what growth there is more than matched by expenditure from which we do benefit. We should also make strenuous efforts to overcome Viscount Davignon's objections to an energy import tax.

It is an unsatisfactory state of affairs, and especially for the present British Government which regards public expenditure of any sort as a very dubious way of helping the British economy. The fact that in this case it would be public expenditure financed in large part by our European partners may be good for the balance of payments, but not necessarily good for the country in any other sense. The government will rightly be determined, in the hard bargaining ahead, to keep not only agricultural spending but Community spending as a whole within reasonable bounds. One point in the Commission's proposals which it should certainly not countenance is the suggestion that the House of Commons should give the Community a kind of direct debit mandate to vote itself further increases in revenue without ratification by national parliaments. The European parliament is a useful controller of agreed resources, but should not be given the power to increase those resources at will.

IRELAND NURSES HER NEUTRALITY

It was bad luck once again for Mr Prior. He had gone to Dublin on a fence-mending expedition. Not only was his walkabout at the Spring Show washed out by a downpour but his entire mission was almost torpedoed by his abrasive colleague at the defence ministry, who had touched the nerve of Irish neutrality the day before. Just as Mr Prior was sitting down to tea and courtesy with Dr FitzGerald the Irish ambassador in London was firing off a note of pained protest to the Foreign Office.

What Mr Heseltine had said about Irish neutrality was what the trade unionist says about the free-rider: that Europe's small neutrals enjoy the benefits of security provided by the defence efforts of others, adding that the Soviet Union would walk all over them given the chance in a European war. It sounded good in Belfast where the words were spoken. In Dublin it provoked disorder in the Dail and resentment right across the political landscape. Mr Heseltine is new to diplomatic duties.

Irish neutrality has a flavour of its own. It is not of the third world variety. Ideological neutrality is no part of it. In the diffused contest between international communism and the democratic liberalism of western Europe and north America Ireland stands squarely where

geography places her. Nor is Irish neutrality quite the same as that of Europe's professional neutrals, Switzerland, Austria and Sweden. It is compatible with the fair degree of political alignment required by membership of the European Community. Ireland fully participates in the EEC process known as European Political Cooperation, even down to consideration of the political aspect of security matters. It draws the line only at strictly military matters, and they are at present outside the ambit of the Community.

The posture of ideological commitment, political alignment and military neutrality is valued by most citizens of the Republic - although there were many who thought Mr Haughey's adjustment of the posture during the reconquest of the Falkland Islands was needlessly and provocatively niggling. It gives Ireland greater acceptability among third world governments, and an enlarged role with the United Nations. It also serves to proclaim Ireland's sovereign independence of Great Britain, a need which history makes felt.

The policy therefore possesses a vitality of its own. It is a way of international life in which the Republic feels comfortable. Yet it is rooted in the partition of the island, a fact which gives Irish neutrality another peculiarity, its

provisional character. Its provisional character is quite unofficial. The policy has been given a rationale unrelated to the border, but there have been hints enough that if there were to be a settlement of the northern question satisfactory to the Republic, an obstacle to Ireland's participation in Nato would be removed. The value of its contribution would be territorial, the provision of bases affording the allies' defences a longer reach into the North Atlantic. This contribution is withheld while, to state the condition crudely, British troops occupy land over which the Republic persists in making some sort of claim to jurisdiction.

The most irritating thing about Mr Heseltine's remark for Irish political ears is that it was made while he was reviewing troops in the corner of the island which is a province of the United Kingdom. Not only did they have him chiding them for an international role they have every right to play, but he did it while perching on the very grievance in which their neutrality is anchored. Very provoking, but not very serious. No one should deny Ireland the right to determine its own external policies, nor should Ireland's neighbours be denied the liberty to state home truths about those policies. The incident should not be allowed to rankle.

Three-way divide for parties on TV

From Lord Aylestone
Sir, With a general election maybe weeks rather than months ahead and the possibility of three solid weeks of party political broadcasting on both television and radio, I vividly recall experiences learned from both sides of the fence, as Leader of the House of Commons and later as Chairman of the IBA, of the problems which arise for the broadcasting authorities and the political parties. The main problem is the fair allocation of time on the air.

Whilst there is no statutory obligation for them to do so, the broadcasting authorities usually try to find peak viewing times for the parties and to do everything possible to aid the democratic processes of electioneering. They of course realise that the public generally tend to endure rather than enjoy party political broadcasts.

The allocation of time to each political party is a matter for the "ad hoc" Committee on Political Broadcasting, comprising the authorities (BBC and IBA) and the main political parties.

In the next general election the committee will have new situations to consider which did not apply in the last general election. There is a new political force in the field in the SDP/General Alliance; there are many altered parliamentary constituencies and many sitting MPs are contesting new constituencies.

Bearing these facts in mind and that in the 13 by-elections since the SDP was formed in 1981 the Conservatives, Labour and the Alliance have each secured just over 30 per cent of the total votes cast, there is no doubt that there are now three main political parties. It may be argued that the Alliance is in fact two parties, which is of course true, but it is not equally true of the Labour Party, which is split down the middle on the questions of defence, Nato and membership of the EEC.

My own view is that having taken into consideration the entitlement of the smaller political parties, such as the Plaid Cymru and the Scottish nationalists, and any other party having nominated candidates for an agreed minimum of seats, then the bulk of the time allotted for party political broadcasts should be divided equally between the three main parties, each of which proposes to contest every constituency in Britain.

Yours faithfully,
AYLESTONE,
House of Lords,
May 4.

Rewarding volunteers

From the Minister of State for Social Security and the Disabled
Sir, Mr J. Fleming (May 2) says that "a youngster wishing to do voluntary work must forfeit his unemployment benefit." This is not true.

To receive unemployment benefit (or supplementary benefit) an unemployed person must of course "be available for work" - ie, willing and able to take a job, or attend an interview, if opportunity occurs. But doing voluntary work is not in itself incompatible with this; and in March, 1982, we introduced a special easement of the rules so that someone providing a service which he cannot abandon at the drop of a hat is considered to be available if he can make himself available with 24 hours' notice.

At the same time we brought out a new leaflet (NI 240) on "Voluntary work and social security benefits" to explain and publicise the scope for doing such work without losing benefit.

We also introduced last year (and have doubled this year) the Opportunities for Volunteering scheme under which a number of major voluntary organisations administer DHSS grants to create such opportunities. This is already helping some 400 projects with about 15,000 volunteers - and it is in fact a condition of the grants that the projects must be such as not to deprive volunteers of benefit.

The Manpower Services Commission have also introduced a similar Voluntary Projects Programme.

Yours faithfully,
HUGH ROSSI,
Department of Health and Social Security,
Elephant and Castle, SE1.

Railway architecture

From Mr Nigel Wikeley
Sir, A word or two of reassurance. When your correspondent (May 3) next comes up to town from deepest Kidderminster he will not be affronted by an office building on the forecourt of Charing Cross station.

The new building is intended to form a third side to the forecourt and I am confident that old and new will complement each other. The design is by Casson Condon and Partners.

On a slightly different but connected note: much as I appreciated Charles McKean's piece about the salvation of Denmark Hill station (April 25) - having supplied the author with drawings you will understand it was read here with close attention - that pleasure was to some extent vitiated by a minor outburst of journalistic vandalism: chucking bricks at our "steel and glass boxes".

Perhaps Mr McKean prefers Noddy buildings to honest design? Yours, etc.
NIGEL WIKELEY, Regional Architect,
Chief Architects' Department,
British Railways Board,
Southern House,
Wellesley Grove,
Croydon,
Surrey,
May 4.

Peaceful means in Central America

From Mr F. G. Dawson
Sir, Your April 29 leading article, "Down Mexico way", discussing the Central American crisis concludes that "it must be more sensible to help put out the fire than to argue about how to do it." With respect, I disagree. It is precisely because the strategies applied by the Reagan Administration are self-defeating and ineffective that alternative measures are urgently required.

Arming and training Nicaraguan rebels to invade their homeland violates article 15 of the 1948 Charter of the Organization of American States (OAS), which stipulates: "No state or group of states has the right to intervene directly or indirectly for any reason whatever in the internal or external affairs of any other state."

Although in El Salvador intervention is by invitation, international lawyers doubt if consent by a beleaguered government fighting a civil war can provide a valid exception to article 15.

There are precedents and machinery which can still be applied as alternative strategies to resolve the Central American dilemma in a manner more compatible with international law and more likely to obtain cooperation and support from Latin American leaders.

In 1922, in response to regional political instability and revolutionary disorder, the United States invited representatives from the Central American nations to a peace conference in Washington. The participants signed a General Treaty of Peace and Amity in which each government - the United States was

not a signatory - pledged not to intervene in any of the others' internal affairs, not to intervene in favour or against the government of another republic in the case of a civil war, and not to permit its territory to be used to organize revolutionary movements against the recognized government of any other Central American nation.

Using the 1922 conference and the General Treaty of Peace and Amity as examples, a new peace conference could now be convened by invoking the peace-keeping machinery provided in the OAS Charter and in the 1947 Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance. Participants could include, in addition to the five Central American nations, Panama, Colombia, Venezuela, Mexico and the United States.

The objectives would be to formulate a set of reciprocal undertakings against intervention and aggression, to be policed by a multinational force under the aegis of the OAS.

As your leading article emphasizes, European nations have a strategic interest in a peaceful resolution of Central American problems. Hopefully European policy-makers can persuade American policy-makers that unilateral intervention cannot stop the violence, nor create the conditions in which the socio-economic inequities at the root of the present tragedy can be alleviated.

Yours faithfully,
FRANK GRIFFITH DAWSON,
Wolfson College,
Cambridge,
May 3.

Disarmament talks

From Mr Ronald Dore

Sir, Surely, especially after Andropov's concession, we should not wait for the agreement of the French to show our willingness to have British weapons counted in at the INF talks in Geneva. Logic, after all, is on Andropov's side.

The strategic/theatre distinction is purely conventional and conventions only work in a dialogue when both sides accept them. And why should the Russians accept this one when Moscow and Kiev could be equally well incinerated by Polaris or by cruise fired from the same distances, from the same national territory, on the orders of the same set of people, albeit with a different

pattern of initiative and veto powers?

Some momentum in the disarmament talks is urgently needed. The INF talks are the obvious place to start. Some compromise is necessary to break the deadlock and a British willingness to accept the Andropov equation might provide it, even without the French going along.

The Russians, after all, could reasonably be expected to accept the argument that Britain is in Nato and France is not, even if they remain sceptical of the fiction that France's *totus armatus* missiles point west as much as east.

Yours faithfully,
RONALD DORE,
157 Surrenden Road,
Brighton,
East Sussex.

CND and politics

From Mr Patrick Duffy, MP for Sheffield, Attercliffe (Labour)

Sir, You have confined your enquiries at Westminster about the role of Mr Bruce Kent as general secretary of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament to Catholic Conservative and SDP MPs. Inevitably the case against such involvement by Mr Bruce Kent is almost made, and Cardinal Basil Hume is correspondingly embarrassed.

Had you also sounded out Catholic Labour MPs you would have arrived at a more balanced report. To begin with, they would agree with the Archbishop of Liverpool, Mr Derek Worlock, "questionable" as to whether the ministry of a priest and not about whether CND is a valid Christian organisation. That is to say, they would regard the possession and use of nuclear weapons as numbering among the great moral issues of our time and would advocate the right, indeed, the duty, of all Christians, especially priests, to speak out on these matters.

I would go further. Though a multilateralist, I recognise the immense contribution of CND in defining and articulating arms control to a greater degree in the present generation than ever before. It has promoted a dialogue that might otherwise be absent.

Though I entertain the profoundest doubts about how far the nuclear threshold can be raised by unilateral action, I recognise that CND has deployed arguments that can cut through some of the web and complexities of international relations. It is not concerned exclusively for the realpolitik of present Nato/Warsaw Pact relations, but for their ethical content and the wellbeing of future generations.

It is, then, a moral crusade and one that quite properly calls in some of its aspects for the ministry of a priest. It is entirely fitting, therefore, in my judgment, that there should be a place among its leaders for Mr Bruce Kent, as there was for Canon Collins on a previous occasion.

Yours sincerely,
PATRICK DUFFY,
House of Commons,
April 28.

Portable pensions

From Mr Alan G. Saunders

Sir, Your editorial today (April 28), "Have pension, will travel", suggests that Government action is necessary to allow portable pensions. In fact legislation is not required as the portable pension already exists and lives within the existing legislative framework.

The "portable executive pension" which our company launched last year, anticipated the approach mooted by the Centre for Policy Studies and means that an employee can now enter one or more employees into a central pension trust. This allows the employee to stay in the one pension scheme all his working life, irrespective of the number of job changes. The concept is simple and effective and avoids the necessity of the employee having to transfer from one pension scheme to another by, instead, having his current employer enter in, upon a change of job, out of the central trust. This is even achieved with a simplified (i.e., one-page) documentation.

The present difficulties surrounding the transfer of pension rights stem partly from the arbitrary limits and benefits imposed by the Inland Revenue and partly from employers imposing unnecessary "conditions of employment" restrictions on pensions scheme members.

As most pension schemes in this country are governed by Inland Revenue discretion, rather than statute, greater flexibility on the part of the Superannuation Funds Office would significantly boost acceptance of the portability concept. Some re-education of employers would then help to complete the job.

Thus it is not new laws that are required but strong governmental encouragement for change and a greater willingness on the part of employers to forgo their own outdated restrictive practices.

Yours sincerely,
ALAN G. SAUNDERS, Chairman,
Saunders French (Pensions Administration) Ltd,
49 Bath Street,
Glasgow,
May 4.

Real and ideal

From Professor B. G. Mitchell

Sir, In the course of his article today (May 2) on certain developments in Roman Catholic moral theology, Mr Reading, Clifford Longley remarks that "Anglican moral theology, on the other hand, has been able to offer little beyond marginal notes on contemporary secular ethics". This is an odd judgment in view of the fact that the most representative Anglican documents, the reports on problems of social ethics prepared for the General Synod's Board for Social Responsibility, have, for almost 20 years at least, conformed closely to the pattern Mr Longley now detects in Roman Catholic thinking.

Whether the issue is suicide, abortion, euthanasia, homosexuality or divorce and remarriage, the tenor of the argument is the same. The Christian tradition is found to yield a strong moral imperative - against taking one's own life, against killing the innocent, against sex outside marriage, against the dissolution of marriage; but it is then recognized that there may be cases in which to insist on an absolute prohibition would threaten the values underlying the principle itself or other values to which the Christian is committed. This is what Mr Longley calls common sense.

The debate in the Church of England about the most recent and most substantial of these reports, *The Church and the Bomb*, revolves around the same basic problem: granted that it is intrinsically wrong to use nuclear weapons, can the threat to use them be justified if it may reasonably be expected to make war less likely?

There is no sharp disjunction between Roman Catholic and Anglican approaches to these problems and those of us who have been involved over the years in the Anglican reports have found with gratitude that they have been most sympathetically reviewed in the Roman Catholic press.

Yours sincerely,
BASIL MITCHELL,
Wootton by Woodstock,
Oxfordshire.

Appeal of bells in Washington

From Mr James Collins
Sir, One hundred and seventy one years after burning torches were set to the White House in the conflict of 1812, our distinguished cousins across the Atlantic came to Washington to present to the United States Congress the Ditchley Bells.

On April 19, 1983, the Ditchley Bells reverberated their majestic ring from the 315 ft tower of the Old Post Office Building (the tower is higher than any other structure in Washington save for the monument to America's "first George" - Washington) and for a brief and shimmering moment one could sense the overpowering kinship shared between the United States of America and the United Kingdom.

Indeed the Ditchley Foundation's gift to the United States Congress, on the anniversary of the Treaty of Paris, is suitably destined to take on the irresistible spirit of the Statute of Liberty. Their ringing palpitations are readily heard across Pennsylvania Avenue to the White House and upwards on Constitution to the Congress.

Their remarkable resonance signals not only the magnificent message of political union between two nations sharing the iron-like anchor of history but rather a union of family, the likes of which no two nations on earth have ever shared.

At the presentation ceremony there were glistening eyes everywhere - British eyes and American eyes - eyes that stared upwards at the Old Post Office's 196 ft skylight above in silent salute to the marvelous echo to liberty sounded by bells patterned after those in Westminster.

The Vice-President of the United States spoke; her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra spoke; the Right Hon Paul Channon transmitted a message from Prime Minister Thatcher, and finally, on that nineteenth day of April, the Speaker of the House called out, "Ring Ditchley Bells, ring..." And just then, one's mind took a quantum leap backwards, back to Runnymede and Philadelphia, back to the Battle of Hastings and Valley Forge, back to the English "Bill of Rights" and the American Bill of Rights, back to Magna Carta and the Declaration of Independence - cousins standing together, inextricably (a word used many times on that glorious day) as a result of the great imagination and prodigious industry of Sir David Wills, every schoolchild who travels to Washington and every president entrusted with power will be equally reminded of the peace and friendship equally shared between our two peoples.

Cordially,
JAMES COLLINS,
3141 P Street NW,
Washington D.C. 20007, USA,
April 28.

Child thieves abroad

From Mr W. Maurice Allen

Sir, The child thieves of Sacré Coeur are clearly professional and Miss Patricia O'Brien's description of their mode of operation (April 27) most accurate. I visited Sacré Coeur with five colleagues to listen to the evening service on Ash Wednesday last. Within a few minutes the children approached and lifted my wallet from my inside pocket and also the contents of a colleague's inside pocket.

The priests at the service could, at best, be described as passively interested in crimes committed within their church. The local police were helpful, but not hopeful of solving what appears to be a repetitive crime occurring within and around Sacré Coeur.

Thank goodness for UK insurance companies!
Yours sincerely,
W. MAURICE ALLEN,
Sprucecroft,
Upper Basildon,
Mr Reading,
Berkshire,
April 28.

Unemployed doctors

From Mrs Patricia Digory

Sir, The Deputy Chairman of the BMA junior staff committee reports that between 2,000 and 3,000 doctors are unemployed and fears that 20,000 will be unemployed by the end of the century (*The Times*, May 2).

Having noted that my son and daughter-in-law, both junior hospital doctors, have had contracts to work hours in excess of 100 per week, it seems to me that the problems of unemployed doctors could be better solved if the hours worked by junior doctors were legally restricted in the same way as those worked by airline pilots or heavy-duty vehicle drivers.

Most of us would feel less apprehensive if we knew that the doctor who admits us to hospital was not suffering from gross lack of sleep.

Yours faithfully,
PATRICIA DIGGORY,
10 Campden Hill Square, W8,
May 2.

Taking a rise?

From Mr Peter L. G. Bateman

Sir, Mr Drain, of Nalco, has announced the spending of £1m on a publicity campaign against cuts in spending, part of which will be devoted to purchasing a hot-air balloon.

Is this the first trade union actually to decide to send itself up? Yours sincerely,
PETER L. G. BATEMAN,
Fovnings,
The Limes,
Felbridge,
East Grinstead,
West Sussex,
May 4.



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 6: Mr James Mellon was received in audience by the Queen...

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon visited St George's School Windsor.
Having been received upon arrival by the Right Reverend Michael Mann...

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P. C. Hamilton and Miss S. R. Courtland
The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr Stanhope Hamilton...

Mr M. A. Flower and Miss H. L. Deatry
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs J. S. Flower...

Ensuring the future of parish records

When Thomas Cromwell, Vicar General of Henry VIII, issued Injunctions in 1538 on behalf of the Crown he could scarcely have foreseen that the following item would have been the subject of so much legislation...

However, the survival rate from this period is very low. In the Diocese of Canterbury, for example, out of 264 ancient parishes only 30 registers were stated in the survey of 1922 to go back to 1538.



A greeting for Catholics Vazgen, the Supreme Patriarch of the Armenian Church, when he visited the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, at Lambeth Palace yesterday.

Latest appointments
Duncan Harrington
The author is a Licentiate of the Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies.

OBITUARY

SIR J. GUILLUM SCOTT Influence in councils of Church of England

Sir John Guillum Scott, TD, who died yesterday at the age of 72, was Secretary of the Church Assembly from 1948 to 1970, and then until 1972 Secretary-General of the newly-created General Synod of the Church of England.

MR DAVID WILLIAMS
Mr David Williams, who died on May 5, at the age of 73 after a long illness, was a literary biographer and book reviewer who turned to full-time writing only in his late fifties after many years as a schoolmaster.

University news
Oxford poetry chair election postponed
Oxford University has decided to delay for two terms, the election of a new professor of poetry when Professor John Jones retires at the end of his five year term in January.

John Woodcock writes:
John Drennan Eggar, who died on May 3 at the age of 66, while playing tennis, combined, might himself as a Wykeba, but by one of the greatest of all as happens to more, a schoolmastering career with a summer holiday playing county cricket.

GEORGE BALANCHINE
Moira Shearer writes:
Of all the choreographers I ever worked with, I remember George Balanchine as the most stimulating and inspiring. In addition - and to my surprise and delight - he was a splendid musician, raconteur and cook.

Services tomorrow: Rogation Sunday (fifth after Easter)
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Those Who Appreciate Money Hate To Touch The Principal

By Stanley Cohen

He fingered the white card thoughtfully for a moment, studying the rows of repeated digits which ran its full length. He touched the corner of the card to his lip and then nodded. He'd hesitated long enough. The advance preparations had been made for quite a while. Time to put the plan into motion. Fascinating toys, computers. At least to those who knew how to use them. Really use them.

He glanced around the computer room at the technicians doing their thing. They weren't paying any attention to his contemplative posture in the chair in front of the keypunch. Why should they? It was a most familiar sight to see him there. He ran the operation. He was their mentor, their trainer, their confidant and father confessor, the renowned *Wunderkind* and genius who taught them every-thing they knew about the role of the computer in modern banking, the mastermind who had toiled all those brutal hours, often far into the night, and had established and debugged all of the super-streamlined procedures that made the bank the envy of all the others in the city.

Even if they were to wander near and stand behind him and watch over his shoulder, they would not grasp what he was about to do. Because they knew their specific jobs and not too much more. They knew what he had taught them and what he felt they had a need to know in order to carry out their work with crisp efficiency. But they would not understand the complex, yet so simple little operation he was going to perform. And even if they thought they did comprehend it, they wouldn't believe it. Not after all his lectures about the legal aspects of the work in which they were involved. Absolute adherence to the law. He had trained them well.

His hand trembled slightly as he inserted the first card into the keypunch. He hoped no one noticed because he wasn't supposed to ever show even the slightest manifestation of having nerves. He was Rich Hamzer, the whizz-kid. His veins were copper wire and his head was transistorized. He glanced around once again, rubbed his hands together a few times, took a deep breath and then began to hit the keys.

He completed the eight new cards and touched the corner of each with a red felt tip pen. He walked to the card storage and as he did the trembling worsened. His pulse accelerated. He opened the appropriate drawer and began inserting the eight cards in their proper locations, lifting out those he was temporarily replacing. Then he lifted a few other cards at random and dotted them with felt tip pens of other colours, green, blue, brown, before slipping them back down into place. The red dots would be less obvious.

With all of the new cards in their proper places, he rifled the deck, watching the marked cards disappear like a drink poured over the side of a boat, into the sea. Then he closed the drawer. Done. The cards were a part of the vast system and the system would make no judgement but would do as it was told.

Rich picked up a phone and dialled Linderkorn's number.

Harry Linderkorn's ruddy face was redder than usual against the meticulously groomed silver temples and the custom shirt and he sat very erect. Hamzer slouched in the "client's" chair in front of the huge desk.

"Did you say resign?" Rich, I won't hear of it."

"Harry, you already have."

"But why?"

"I'm sick of working."

"Take some time off. How about a month? Two months?"

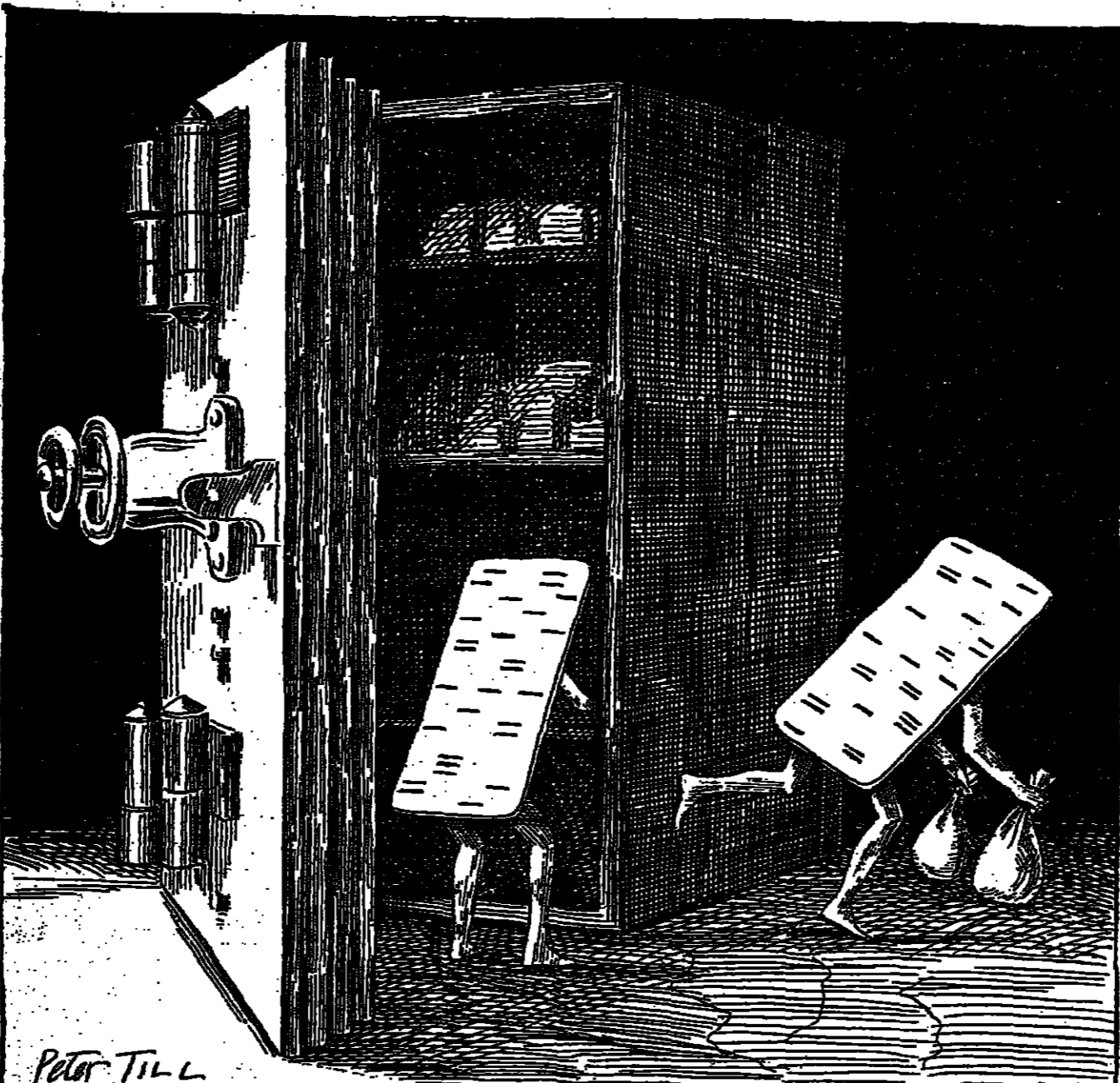
"How about a year, Harry, or two years? Why not five?"

"You serious? You won't like it, Rich. You'll hate it."

"Let me try it and decide for myself."

"All right, Rich. How about a raise? A fat one."

"Harry, you haven't been



Each year the association awards a "gold dagger" for the Best Crime Novel and Best First Novel. When funds are available, there is a cash prize as well and this year, thanks to several literary agents, Thames Television and Securitor, the winners will each receive £1,000. They will also join an illustrious company that includes Eric Ambler, John Le Carré, H. R. F. Keating and, from the United States, Emma Lathen and Ross Macdonald. The first chairman was John Creasey.

listening. A little more money won't change my life style. This is Monday morning. Two weeks notice means a week from Friday. That's it."

Linderkorn paused and his eyes reflected a change in strategy. "Rich, this place is a miracle of modern banking efficiency because of what you've done here. It's a living tribute to your achievements. We're the standard by which others are measured. Don't walk away from it and let it run the risk of even the slightest loss of its vitality and perfection. We can re-define your job so that you can enjoy a change in life-style without leaving."

"Harry, I've checked and rechecked the program and it's bug-free. Get one of your head-hunters to find you a bright young manager-type and I'm sure he can keep things running without problems."

"Rich, how about unlimited privileges at the Midtown Executive Club every day. As long as you wish, I'll even live you up a parade of worthy opponents. And just drop in on the bank once in a while to see how things are going."

"A week from Friday, Harry."

Rich stood in the main banking room and watched the lines of depositors inch forward, reach the tellers' windows, complete their transactions and walk away. Sixteen tellers were working. And there were more than two hundred branch banks. With three to 10 tellers in each. The effects of the new punched cards, like Pentothal into a vein, had flowed silently into the system, been absorbed and produced the desired changes. Nine more business days to go, with extended banking hours on Thursdays and Fridays.

And he could live off just the interest the money would earn in Switzerland, hardly touching the principal at all. A most pleasing thought. Because those who appreciate money hate to touch the principal.

Rich fidgeted for the rest of the day. He knew there was no need for concern, but simply knowing wasn't quite enough to

keep him tranquil. He called a friend and arranged a tennis match at his indoor club for that night. A little strenuous exercise would take his mind off things and help him to get into some good sleep, which he began to feel might become an elusive commodity.

They played hard and he enjoyed it. He was a tiger, really in this country, which is why he never ever completely overpowered his friend. After more than two hours of enervating play and a quick shower, he emerged from the club into the chill night air and promptly sneezed, two, three, four times. It had been stupid to rush out into the cold. He should have killed a little time before leaving, hung around, had a drink, taken time to fully cool down and unwind. He felt a drop of rain, then a drop or two more and then rain. He looked

around for a cab, but there are never cabs when it begins to rain. He sneezed, again, and wiped his nose with his sleeve. He began hustling toward the subway, still watching for an empty cab. By the time he reached the subway, his nose was dripping steadily.

A double Scotch and two aspirin had little effect on anything and he lay awake most of the night, sopping at his nose with tissues and throwing the little balls of wet paper at a waste basket in the corner of the room. He crawled out of bed the next morning with a whopper of a cold. But with only nine days of his professional career left, he was determined to show up at work.

He made it through the day but his cold grew steadily worse. By mid-afternoon his head was clogged solid. Excessive amounts of various anti-inflammatories made him groggy but failed to penetrate the total blockage behind his nose and eyes. He went home early, dosed himself up with a little of everyone's recommended gargled remedy and went to bed, feeling certain that only long hours of sleep would help. But somehow, a dancing line of computer cards with tiny red dots in their corners always seemed to stay between him and unconsciousness. When he dragged himself out of bed again the next morning, his head throbbled. But he was once again determined to make it to the bank.

By mid-afternoon his entire body ached and everyone remarked that he looked terrible and shouldn't have come in. When Harry Linderkorn snapped that he should get the hell out of there before he infected everybody in the place, he finally left the bank and returned to his flat. Desperate for sleep, he resorted to sleeping pills, something he had somehow gone without the two previous nights, and took three instead of the prescribed one. The dancing computer cards moved quickly aside and total sleep engulfed him.

He woke to a ringing phone.

"You any better?" It was Harry Linderkorn.

"I don't think so, Harry."

"I called you yesterday and you didn't even answer. Where were you?"

"I'm not even sure there was a yesterday."

"When I called you yesterday, I was merely being concerned about you. Today we've got a problem."

"What kind of problem, Harry?"

"One of your crew dropped a deck of cards."

"All him to pick them up."

"Rich, they're afraid to put things back together without you here."

"The cards are encoded sequentially. I've taught them better than that. They can do it."

"They insist that they need you."

"Harry, I'm not sure I'm going to live."

"Rich, this bank has got to

ment. He entered the computer room where his staff of helpers led him to a desk and he dropped himself into the chair. They clustered about him and talked earnestly about how the mishap had occurred and why they had the drawer out and how sorry they were and how terrible they felt and all the reasons why they were afraid to try to restore the system to operation without his supervision. But he found he was unable to concentrate on anything they were saying.

Spread out on the desk-top were the drawer, partly filled, and the rest of the deck, a few of the cards organized into neat stacks, most of them still loose. He spotted two or three of the ones with the red dots. He picked up a handful and looked at them, trying to make out the print at the tops but the printed characters blurred into the cards. He strained to focus his eyes at the busy, little block letters which faded and swam and spiralled and darted about.

"It's no use," he said. He slumped back into his chair. "I can't see them. I can't do anything. It's no use." He closed his eyes and slumped further and then fell forward and laid his head on the desk and as his consciousness faded, he heard one of his girls say that they had better get help.

Rich awoke amid the muffled sounds and special smells of a hospital room. He glanced around briefly at the washed out pastel hues of his institutional surroundings and then out of the window at the familiar skyline. He closed his eyes and fell back asleep. He awoke again when a nurse came in to check his temperature and pulse. He watched her take the thermometer from his mouth and then jot notes on his chart.

"How long have I been here?" he asked.

"It's Saturday. You came in yesterday."

"Who's paying for such a fancy room?"

"That's not my concern." She smiled without looking up from the chart.

"Am I getting better or worse?"

A nurse's smile of assurance. "I'd say better. But try to sleep some more. It's the best thing for you."

He watched her leave and then shifted his weight slightly and eased back into sleep.

"How long?" Rich asked.

"What's your hurry? You've got plenty of time."

What did that mean? He looked at the other man again. Still no indications. "Harry, what about at the bank? You get things back together?"

"Business as usual, Rich. Our depositors won't lose a penny. I brought in Jennings here on a consultant basis to get the system straightened out and back in operation. Rich Hamzer, Clint Jennings."

"Nice meeting you, Rich", the young man said. "Quite a program you've set up. It's becoming the standard for the whole industry. I was delighted to have the opportunity to look at it."

Rich scrutinized his expression, searching for an off-beat reaction.

"Did you have any problem getting the system going again?"

"No problems. The cards were sequential."

"And you were impressed with the way it's set up?"

"Very much so," Jennings answered. But there wasn't so much as a wisp of a smile as he spoke. He apparently had not deduced the significance of the eight cards with the red dots.

"I'm glad everything is okay, again, Rich said.

"We'll leave now so you can go back to sleep," Linderkorn said.

"Besides, I'm late for my golf date. Just wanted to bring Clint to meet you. And, of course, to show you that I care."

"Nice meeting you, Rich."

Jennings said with a completely guileless smile. "Take it easy."

It was late evening when a hand touched Rich's shoulder again. Visiting hours had passed and the nurses had made their evening rounds. Rich rolled over and looked up through the haze from his medication. He saw Jennings who was smiling broadly. And as he concentrated on Jennings's face, he noticed even in the dim light, that the smile had changed and taken on a new dimension.

"How're you doing, pardner?" Jennings asked with his broad grin. He snapped on a small light.

"What? You came back, tonight? Why?"

"Wanted to bring you something."

"Bring me something? What?"

"A present for you," Jennings held out a small object.

Rich took it and examined it. A red felt tip pen.

"Tell me, pardner," Jennings said. "How're we going to spend all that interest?"

Rich suddenly thought of Alpine snow in all its blinding, dazzling brilliance, and of a run he'd made on the deserted face of a peak away from the usual trail, a dizzying slope with several hidden chasms, unexpected outcroppings of rock and a ruffled hillock of snow that indicated a recent slide. He looked at the pen again and then back at Jennings's grinning face. He asked, "Do you like to ski?"

"That's a rich man's sport. Never could afford it," Jennings paused. "Until now, Yeah. Sure. I'd like to learn."

"Good," Rich said. "I'll teach you myself. We'll leave for the Continent in a week."

A hand touched his arm. He looked up and saw Harry Linderkorn and behind him, a stranger. Who was the stranger? Rich's pulse began to quicken as he looked at the other man's expressionless face. Young, bright, interesting face, but no sign of anything.

"How are you feeling?" Harry asked.

Rich studied Harry's face for a moment. "The nurse told me I'm getting better." He looked past Harry at the other man. Who was he?

"They tell me you'll be fine," Harry said. "It'll just take a little while."

How writers thicken their plots

Ever since there were law-givers to say, "That is an anti-social act," there have been wealthy souls ready to disengage the edict, and an audience eager to hear of their exploits. Once printing was invented, the broadsheet and the penny dreadful extended the reach of the story-teller to an audience that had learned to read. It has gone on reading ever since, with enough enthusiasm to constitute a thriving known as "crime fans". Crime fans sometimes feel the urge to write crime fiction. The first question they ask is: how do you begin?

Some authors say they simply sit down with a blank sheet of paper and write. It may be true. Most crime writers would say they have most of it worked out before they begin, particularly the ending. For it is the ending of a crime novel that must make the reader say: "Fancy that!" or "Thank God they're safe!" or "Who would have guessed?"

Two things are necessary - a group of characters who will carry the action and a plot.

The plot will probably fit into one of the two acknowledged categories of crime fiction: the puzzle plot or the suspense story.

The difference is crucial. In the puzzle plot, the author issues a challenge to the reader: "I will tell you everything you need to know to solve this mystery. I will still surprise you with the solution at the end. Note that condition: 'I will tell you everything you need to know'. It is his form to keep secrets from your reader, and utterly forbidden to introduce, 10 pages from the end, an unknown madman who has committed the crime.

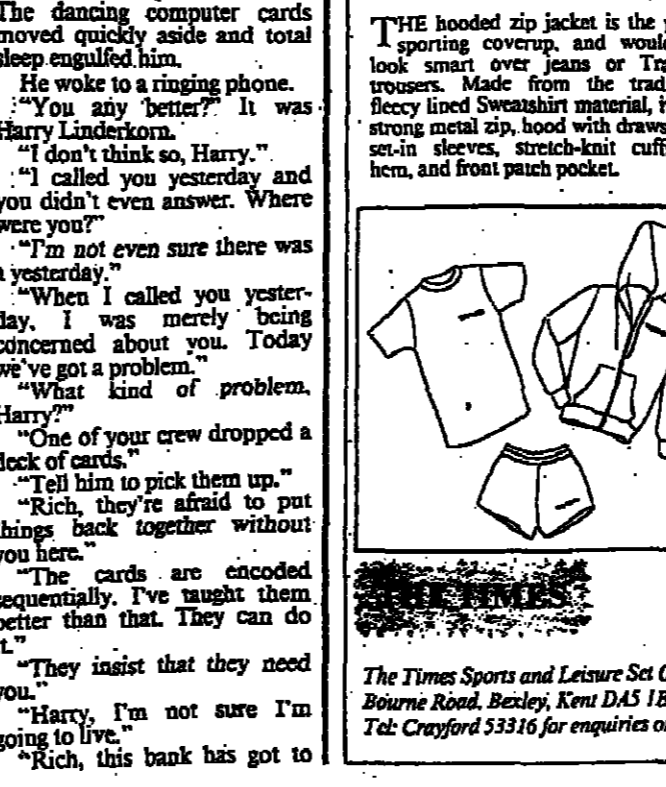
Likewise, you will be an outcast if "the butler did it". This phrase harks back to the golden days when every murder

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Sheer wonder: The magnificent cliffs above the Sound of Raasay, Isle of Skye

Sweet solitude on tranquil highland roads

Nobody goes to the Scottish highlands for the weather; though, as it happens, the west coast had just enjoyed the longest rain-free period in living memory - or so they said. A shopkeeper in Fort William, reaching for the most graphic illustration he could command, told me, he had never shifted so many pairs of sunglasses, so much suntan lotion and anti-midge cream. And the water level in the Stuzort on Skye was so low the salmon could not "run", but hung about in the loch outside waiting for rain.

I had gone up on a motoring trip: on the BR Motorail to Stirling, up to Inverness, across and up to Ullapool, down the west coast to Skye, back to Stirling by way of Fort William and the Trossachs, a saunter of some 650 miles which restored one of the ancient pleasures of motoring: that of tootling along unfamiliar roads.

There must have been lots of us, for tourism is Scotland's second industry and this was August. Leaving the little towns, I drove for miles through the green and grey glens and mountains without meeting another car - indeed the emptiness creates its own hazards. It was easy to forget to

keep looking in the rearview mirror (after all, that wasn't what I'd gone to see) and wander fractionally off course.

Roads empty as far as the eye can see can fill with cars in seconds; when overtaking, be sure the driver in front knows you are there. Along the most picturesque routes the roads are single-track with passing points. Here, assume that the approaching car is being driven by royalty, and respectfully draw aside.

The weather had reverted to the changeable. On the road from Strathcarron to Skye heavy ragged clouds were rolling over the mountaintops like waves breaking on rocks. The rain pelted down so hard the view shrank to what I could see through the segment of the windscreen, cleared by the wipers: a watery suggestion of slopes, forest and loch. At the foot of the glen the rain stopped, so did I, to take in one of those tremendous views that are the point of driving through the highlands.

Far below, a dammed lake; to the west, pine forests, on all sides, huge bare hills under their thin skin of grass. Deep in the hillside, a white and grey house,



On the Skye-line: The quiet village of Portree nestles close to the water's edge

set in a solitude hard to comprehend.

The west wind was tugging and rearranging the weather like an army of scene shifters at work, opening up tantalizing pockets of blue, spreading a sudden blaze of sun, and as quickly wiping it out. While I waited for the ferry at Kyle of Lochalsh, blue sky spread as if from nowhere.

I drove to Portree with the hood of my convertible down and the sun hot on my back, hot enough to release the scents that ought to accompany a fine summer day: of grass, heather and pungent wild herbs.

I took the hood down quite often, more often than was sensible, I dare say (once I couldn't get the thing up against the wind, so reversed and took the wind's assistance, a piece of resource worthy of the John Buchan heroes whose spirits flit over these parts); but there was another ancient motoring delight, of riding with 180 degrees of vision with nothing between me and the sky.

Wheels make it easier to see the highlands, harder to experience them. The great stillness in the heart of these desolate places needs to be explored on foot. At the Skeapost Hotel on Skye the active men and women appeared for breakfast, hipsters and portagers in the olive green raincoats and jerseys and ribbed soled shoes of walkers, stalkers, climbers and came home contentedly fagged out.

In the countryhouse atmosphere of this hotel, filled with self-assured, fit British and pleasantly shy Americans, I felt a long way from the beach playmates, stomach settlers and airport angst of the trips to the sun.

The caravan camps drawn up in lines - here a television aerial sprouting from the roof, there a budgeter swinging in its cage, anon a white cat, as haughty as an enchanted prince, lying on the back seat of a Rover - brought an incongruous dash of suburbia to the surrounding wildness. But to experience it the caravan campers need only reach for their boots and walking sticks.

There is a great deal to be said for the freedom of camping under canvas in Scotland, though the best of it is earned by the hardy walkers with their equipment on their backs who can be located by their orange blobs of canvas high up on a hill.

Sleeping under a different roof each night I experienced all levels of accommodation. Bearing in mind that one gets what one pays for, food and service were always good and friendly. Modern Scottish posh is as posh as anything anywhere: extreme

comfort, colour-television, guest kit containing disposable razor, sugar substitutes, a self-conscious menu; for example, "The Laird's Choice; succulent roast of the day." Down the other end was a village hotel on the banks of Loch Carron, where the fittings were austere and my arrival coincided with the Friday discotheque right under my bedroom.

If there were a word for the happy chance discovery of good hotels I would apply it with vehemence to the Ceilidh Place at Ullapool, run by the actor Robert Urquhart and his young wife, Jean, whose aim is to break away from the pre-cast atmosphere of hotels. So the beds have firm mattresses

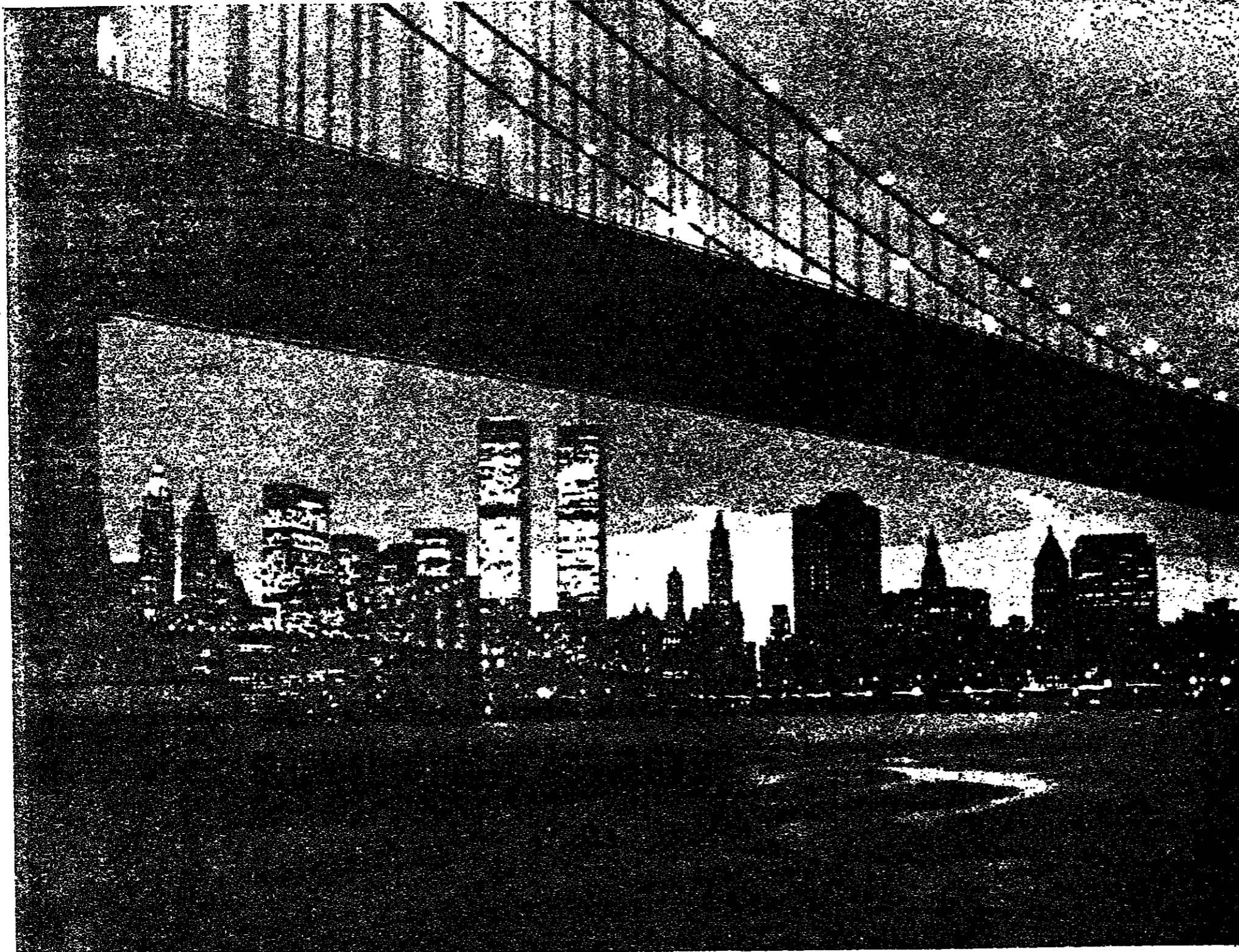


Robert Urquhart lets you pour your own drinks

("better for backs"). There is no television room. Tape recordings offer Schubert piano trios. Guests can pour their own drinks and sign for them. A bookshop sells decent paperback along with holiday trash.

In the big dining area, combining bar and restaurant in the convivial French manner, I had a glass of wine for 55p that could not have been fuller without forming a meniscus. There was not an individually wrapped pat of butter, cheese, or a sauce bottle in sight.

But the attractive generosity of spirit was not without its hazards. One visitor accused Jean of injecting her eggs with colour. The poor soul had never eaten a free range egg. Another rejected the backdoor as "off" having forgotten the taste of really fresh fish.



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Ravelston Terrace, Edinburgh EH4 3EU, has lots of useful lists of hotels, guest houses, bed and breakfast places, camp sites, self-catering accommodation and a fine touring map. A booklet, *Scotland for the Motorist* contains routes and general advice, e.g. keep your petrol tank well filled, be considerate to roadside sheep. Accommodation starts at about £4.50 for bed and breakfast, often in romantic out-of-the-way places. The rates at the Ceilidh Place (from £16.50 full board, minimum six days) and the Skeapost (£22.20 for double room with bath) are typical of good class hotels. At Skeapost you can hire a gillie. Set dinner prices range from about £5 to £8.25 plus drinks. You will not eat better fish in this world.

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VALUES

From furs to furniture, hats to houses, Beryl Downing finds people who will keep them clean.

How to tan your hide, get dyed and be taken to the cleaners

If cleanliness is next to godliness I should be in line for a halo. I have just submitted my carpets, my clothes and myself to the ministrations of sundry specialists until everything but my conscience is whiter than white.

I learnt a few lessons en route. One we all know, but invariably try to circumvent: it doesn't pay to buy cheaply. If you want to have expensive items cleaned - suede, fur, silks, wedding dresses for instance - don't take them to a chain cleaner: go to the expensive specialist. Otherwise you may find that all the stuffing has been knocked out of the material and it is as unrecognisable as it had been left dirty.

Another is that if you have a long-pile carpet and are using an on-site cleaning service, do make sure that they check the underside for any possible defects if they intend to rake the pile. If you happen to have damp and there is any mildew in the carpet, they could make a hole in it, although raking long pile should not normally damage the fibres.

That was the bad news. The good is that dyeing is making a modest comeback. A year ago, there were only a couple of specialist dry cleaners who still undertook dyeing. Now Skelton's have started a new nationwide service and Collins in London are planning to launch theirs in about four weeks.

What is more, there are still people who will clean gloves, hats and lampshades, even if they are few and far between. If you have specific cleaning problems and no one to solve them locally, the Dry Cleaning Information Service lists specialists throughout the country. Write to them at Lancaster Gate House, 319 Pinner Road, Harrow, Middlesex. Meanwhile, here is a selection of services to help with your spring cleaning.

also on offer, a complete take down and rehanging service with guarantees against shredding and shrinkage. One width of lined velvet curtain 6ft long costs about £4.80 with discount for quantity.

Pligim Payne, Latmer Place, Latmer Road, London W10 (860 5856)

Cleaners with 130 years experience - and a royal warrant. Carpets and upholstery cleaned on site, curtains taken down, cleaned and re-hung. They also re-line curtains or renew linings. Unlined curtains cost from 75p per foot drop per width.

Servicemaster, 50 Commercial Square, Freeman's Common, Leicester (0533 548620)

A franchised cleaning service operating worldwide and cleaning 10 million sq ft of carpet every day. They use the water extraction method, or shampoo, and have 30 chemicals that combine to suit the individual carpet. Charges vary among the 153 licensees, depending on their area and travel costs. An Indian carpet, 12ft x 9ft costs £28-£35. They also rescue furnishings from flood damage - dry out carpets and stretch back into place. Local franchisees are usually in Yellow Pages, or contact head office, above, for your nearest agent.

Thurcleon, 52 Bondway, London SW8 (682 8033), branches in Leeds and Glasgow

Emergency rescue after flood damage. This company arrives within two hours of a cry for help to extract water from carpets and furnishings, install drying and de-humidifying equipment, clean, and re-fit. They also offer an on-site carpet dyeing service - about one third of the cost of replacement - and they have a new product called Urinex to remove stains and smells - even old ones - left by less than lovable pets. The kit costs £14.95 including pump from the Bondway address.

Pennaclean Marie Blanche, 154 Battersea Park Road, London SW11 (822 0151)

Laundresses and cleaners who handle curtains, carpets, upholstery - and one of the few who clean lampshades. They do it on site, deal with all fabrics and costs are from 75p to £1 for a small wall light to £5 for a standard lampshade. Branches in Nottingham and Cardiff.

Oriental rugs

Hand cleaning of valuable Persian and other oriental rugs is usually available through retail specialists, who will also restore. There is no flat rate - all work is estimated individually, but you can expect a very lightly soiled rug about 6ft x 4ft in good condition to cost at least £15. Those who offer such services include:

Nissim, 23 Charlotte Road, London EC2 (739 5051)

Hand-woven and machine-made rugs cleaned and restored. Axminster and Wilton re-tufted on site - to repair small coal or cigarette burns, for example.



Knuckle-dusting: Mrs Kathleen Heggie of Pollars of Perth goes to work on a glove

Portman Carpets, 7 Portman Square, London W1 (486 3770)

Cleaning and restoration of antique and modern, oriental rugs, but only hand-woven.

Eric Pride, 8 Imperial Square, Cheltenham, (0242 580822)

Hand-made oriental rugs and kilims cleaned and restored on the premises. Eric Pride has a range of 700 shades of wool and makes blends to achieve any intermediate colours. He does not undertake restoration of silk rugs. Cleaning is 50p per sq ft.

J. G. McDonough, 347 New Kings Road, London SW8 (736 5148)

Plasterwork, cornices and ceiling roses cleaned and restored. Missing or damaged pieces can be matched exactly and sometimes this is less expensive than cleaning, particularly when detail has been obscured by years of emulsion paint. They deal with small domestic jobs from £100 to vast city premises at £200,000. Mouldings are from £1 to £20 per ft. Similar services are offered by Moran & Wheatley, Avondale Place, Bathaston, Somerset (0225 859678) and Hodkin & Jones, 515 Queen's Road, Sheffield (0742 56121).

House cleaning

BCS, 108 Fulham Palace Road, London W8 (741 2153)

Contract cleaners who will also spring clean domestic premises - ceilings, walls, paintwork, floors scrubbed, polished or stripped and resealed, cupboards turned out and contents washed. Minimum charge £40. Skivvies, Unit C, Progress Road, Sands Industrial Estate, High Wycombe, Bucks (0494 442788)

A similar service to BCS, for grand houses where staff cannot cope or will not cope with the heavy stuff. Complete cleaning of smaller houses, too. They will also dry clean carpets and curtains.

Exposure, in the nicest possible way, is what many craftsmen need. Too often commissions are lost when their work is shown in a gallery simply because they have no retail outlet and prospective buyers find it too inconvenient to contact the designer direct.

The British Crafts Centre are taking a first step towards putting this right by organizing an important promotion of designer jewelry with Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge, London SW1, who have given the display a prime site on their ground floor until May 16.

The range is remarkable. There are combinations of niobium and diamonds by Cathy Morrell, which achieve interesting contrasts of texture and colour, and Jacqueline Mina blends 18ct gold with coloured titanium to glamorous effect. In a less expensive category there are interesting wood and perspex bracelets and earrings by Lesley Miller from £13.50. Price is always a problem for craftsmen trying to sell through retail outlets. It seems to me that

recovered from £27.25, converted to duvets from £38.75. Dyeing service (17 colours) will be available by the end of May.

Jeeves, 9 Port Street, London SW1 (235 1101) and branches in Hampstead, Marble Arch and South Audley Street

Clothes

Collins Couture Cleaners, 99 Gloucester Road, London SW7 (373 8088), head office and 15 London branches.

Specialists in delicate fabrics, sequinned dresses, pleating. First class cleaning of leather - my suede jacket was returned pristine and supple - plus repairs to leathers and sheepskins. Excellent and best value hand-finished tie cleaning, £1.50, zip repairs £3.25, reining for £15 for a skirt, duvets and pillows cleaned, eiderdowns

Hand-finished laundry of fine linen, cleaners of antique clothes, soft toys, suede and leather, fur restoration. Cleaning of day clothes is from £5.65 for ladies' dresses, £21.60 for suede jackets, men's ties from £2.30. Trousers zips replaced from £7.40. Free delivery as with Wimbledon Village, Tottenham and Stanmore.

young designers a better chance of being seen and selling more.

SHOPFRONT

Incidentally, being in a grubby mood, I wish the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths would reconsider their hall-marking rules. It seems absurd to me that silver and gold cannot be hall-marked when they are combined with other metals such as titanium and niobium. If I had £2,160 to spend on the most expensive piece in the

price they ask often barely covers their costs, yet if they sell through stores the retail mark-up is so high that the object becomes over-priced. It would be nice to think that a powerful, rich store would

Victor Segal Company, Invicta House, 17 Dufferin Street, London EC1 (253 3877)

The largest fur renovation specialists in the country. They clean, repair and remodel and can arrange for fur to be dyed.

Suede, leather, fur

Suede and Leather Care, 30 Preston Street, Brighton (0273 27488)

Cleaning and renovation of all suedes, leathers, sheepskins and fur. They will re-surface, re-tint, re-dye, re-panel, re-model and offer a postal cleaning service. A three-quarter-length coat cleaned, redressed and siliconed (to prevent spotting when you go out in the rain) from £18.50 up to £28.50 if the condition is poor. They also make leather clothes to order.

Golders Green, 2a Hoop Lane, Golders Green, London NW11 (455 0052)

Leon Simons has specialized in the treatment of suedes and leathers for 40 years. He re-oils, re-tints, resurfaces every type of natural skin garment. Cleaning of a skirt is £9.50, suede jacket £22 to £25, trousers £10. Fourteen-day postal service available.

Westmans Cleaners, Devonshire Road, Weston-super-Mare, Avon (0934 28185)

Specialist cleaners of sheepskin operating a postal service: here and abroad. They also deal with suede, leather, pigskin and spirit hides. Charges are from £10.50 for jackets up to 30in, coats from £12.08.

Lilliman & Cox, 34 Bruton Place, Berkeley Square, London W1 (829 4559)

Sidney Lilliman, a master tailor, founded the company in 1944 with Arthur Cox and their three royal warrants testify to the high standards originally set and still maintained. They specialize in furs, suede and leather, uniforms, riding wear, theatrical costumes, bridal wear and raincoats. A two-piece suit costs £3.50 to £5, £5 to press only, ladies' suede jacket £14, day dress £9.50, trouser half-pockets £5.50 to replace. Delivery in London or postal service.

Gloves

Pollars of Perth, 35 Kinross Street, Perth (0738 29458); Athelrey Cleaners, 74 High Street, Shirley, Southampton (0703 788882); and Park Laundry and Dry Cleaners, 1a Brownlow Street, Weymouth, Dorset (030 57 22573)

All these firms clean gloves - most others find it uneconomic. Expect to pay about £1.80 for fabric, £2.65 for leather, any length.

Hats

Lewis & Wayne, 9 Streatham High Road, London SW16 (768 8777). Branches in Elystan Street, London, SW3 and High Street, London, SE24.

Will clean trilby hats at £2.25 and fur hats from £3 in addition to their usual laundering and cleaning services.

Harry Berger

Chaifont Cleaners & Dyers, 222 Vester Street, London NW11 (985 7318)

One of the few cleaners who have steadfastly offered a postal and personal dyeing service while all around were saying it was uneconomic. They offer 16 colours plus black and prices are coats from £17.30, dresses £11.90, blankets £11 single.

Giltbrook Dyers and Cleaners, Hampden Street, Giltbrook, Nottinghamshire (Nottingham 382231)

Dry cleaners who also offer a postal dyeing service in 16 standard colours, or items, including lengths of fabric, dyed to individual specifications. Velvet curtains £2 per square yard plus postage, lady's coat £8.80. Also specialists in suede and leather cleaning and repair. They have 14 branches in the Nottingham and Derby areas.

Sheehy - all branches. When a nationwide chain of cleaners goes into dyeing it is obvious that too many cleaners have given up the service. This service is only four weeks old and the colours offered are the same shades as Chaifont and Giltbrook, plus lilac, making 17 colours, and black. They made an excellent job of the test garment I sent them - now a chic French navy instead of a drab grey. Prices from £4.49 for a skirt, £7.99 for a coat; 500 branches, no postal service.

Dyeing

Harry Berger, 25 Station Road, Chesle Hume, Chesle, Cheshire (061 485 3421)

Postal and personal dyeing service with the best colour range I have seen. Harry Berger's company was founded by his grandfather and father in 1912, when they were also bespoke tailors. Their textile background gave them practical knowledge of fabrics, and they send out an extremely useful sheet of notes on the suitability of fabrics for dyeing plus a chart of fade-resistant ratings for velvet curtains. They have 22 colours, plus black and they include shades not attempted by other postal services. Sample prices: skirt £6.60, candlewick single bedspread £6.90, curtains £3.45 per sq yd, curtain plus postage. They are also general dry cleaners, and offer an alteration service; they even turn collars, from £1.50. Send a 9in x 6in sae for brochure before despatching clothes.

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A riot of colour for Toxteth at Liverpool flower festival

Almost exactly 12 months from now, the biggest horticultural event since the 1851 Exhibition was reassembled at Sydenham will open in Liverpool. It will run from May to October.

The International Garden Festival is promoted and organized by the Merseyside Development Corporation and is already being called "Liverpool 84". Gardening display is the main theme of the exhibition but it will be broadly based to appeal to a wide public.

The site of the exhibition is 125 acres of derelict dockland, close to the Toxteth area of Liverpool. Work has been in progress for more than 12 months and more than 4,250,000 cubic feet of soil have been used. Old petroleum tanks

and a derelict dock have been filled in and landscaped to create a site suitable for a festival. Design is in the hands of a number of teams of architects, each of which has a particular project to manage. The design co-ordinator is R. D. Beaumont of William Gillespie and Partners.

Following the post-war German example, the festival will provide the impetus for establishing a permanent park for an area of the city which has been neglected for too long. About half the site, including much of the landscaping as well as the water features, will remain after the festival as a public garden. The hall and arena will be converted into a sports and recreation centre by the city council and have been

designed with such conversion in mind. The rest of the site will be given over to science-based industry and housing. A master plan has been agreed for the design teams and the costing is being controlled by Tweed, Atkinson, Lewis and Partners.

Area 1 comprises the domestic and international theme gardens, the home and garden feature and structure plantings. Area 2 has a water feature and some development of the central road which runs through the site, a gardeners' market and more structure plantings. Both areas are with William Gillespie and Partners.

Staff from Brian Clouston and Partners are in charge of Area 3, the riverside area, which will demonstrate interlinking footpaths and permanent planting of woodlands as well as the theme of nature in the city.

Area 4 will take in the winning design from the landscape competition as well as the water feature which is to be part of this exhibition. Derek Lovejoy and Partners are to carry out this work. Arup Associates have Area 5 and their contribution is to be a domed structure to house the indoor plant exhibits as well as the piazza and service area for the arena.

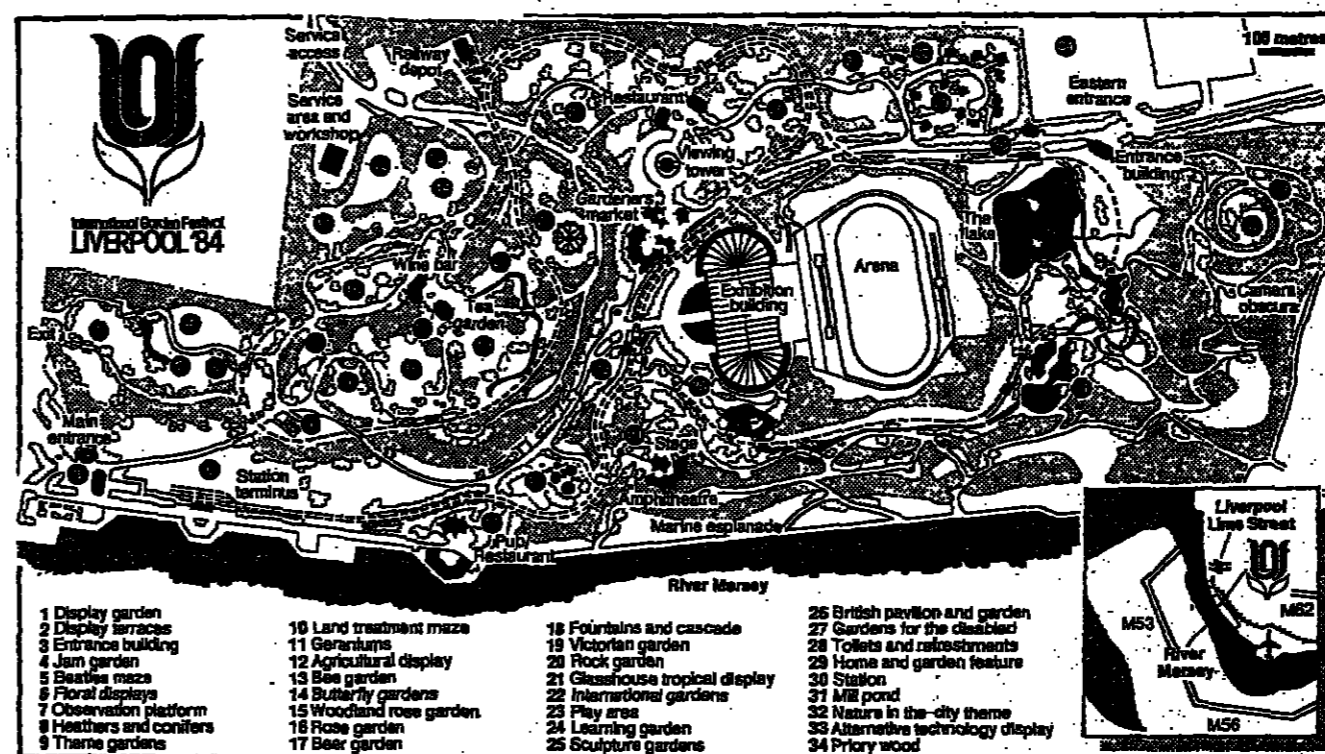
Areas 6, 7 and 8 are structure developments such as the miniature railway, the hydraulics for the water features, the esplanade and river walks as well as the new river wall. Firms involved in these areas include Ward, Ashcroft and Parkman, W. G. Curtin and Partners and Cass Associates.

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IN THE GARDEN



Beautiful site: Liverpool 84, the most ambitious horticultural event in Britain for more than 100 years

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down by the design team. The national bulb and seed organizations as well as the Bedding Plant Association and the Royal Parks will also be involved.

Indoor plants have not been neglected. Throughout the festival there will be displays under cover to allow the indoor specialists to show what they can do.

About 100,000 trees have already been planted on the site and reclamation planting will double this number. This must be one of the biggest planting schemes ever undertaken in a single season.

The landscaping will not be the only feature: there will be more plants than at the Chelsea Flower Show.

Lord Aberconway, president of the Royal Horticultural Society, is the commissioner general of Liverpool 84 and he is actively encouraging countries and people to participate. Sponsorship is invited from firms and organizations. They can write to International Garden Festival 84, Merseyside Development Corporation, 4th Floor, Royal Liver Building, Liverpool L3 1JH.

Ashley Stephenson

Advertisement for Ken Muir Strawberries. The ad features a large illustration of a strawberry and text describing the product. Key text includes: "A cut above all the rest...", "STRAWBERRIES", "Ken Muir", "Service & Quality", and contact information: "Dpt. T119", "Tel. (0255) 830181", "HONEYHILL FARM, WEELE, HEATH, HUNTON ON SEA, BURY, GUINEA".

Advertisement for Westray Link Stakes. The ad features an illustration of a link stake and text describing the product. Key text includes: "STOP THE FLAG", "LINK STAKES", "Westray", "Tel. (0327) 80229 or write for FREE LEAFLET", "LONDON ROAD, BURY, GUINEA".

Advertisement for Corylopsis plants. The ad features an illustration of a Corylopsis plant and text describing the product. Key text includes: "Corylopsis", "These are a small group of plants which flower in the spring...", "Corylopsis pauciflora", "Corylopsis Wilmoreana", "Corylopsis spicata", "Ashley Stephenson".

Advertisement for a wine. The ad features an illustration of a wine bottle and text describing the product. Key text includes: "Time is our secret", "BIBBER'S", "Imported German Lager".

REVIEW Old jazz records reissued

Replicas that hark back to Hard Bop

Browsing through the racks of specialist jazz record shops is becoming increasingly like entering a time machine...

during the Hard Bop era, soon after the long-playing record had become established in those days, he probably could afford to purchase only the smallest proportion of the music...



Spirit of jazz: Stylish sleeves grace reissues by Thelonious Monk, Kenny Burrell and Harold Land

Some enclosed in covers fabricated from something approaching the old thick matt board used in the days when records came from 43 West 61st Street, New York - indeed, in the case of the recently released *Quebec* and *Sentimental*, by Ike Quebec, they have even gone to the length of maintaining the discrepancy between the disc and the jacket...

particular issue finds him at his most relaxed and authoritative, in the company of three Blue Note regulars: the guitarist Grant Green, who avoids the blues clichés he used elsewhere during the period and plays quite beautifully as a result, the bassist Paul Chambers and the drummer Philly Joe Jones...

have almost the correct grade of sleeve card and a pressing as close as is possible with today's European technology to the old bevelled-edge heavyweights on which the needle-landed with such a gratifyingly mellow pop.

pristine originality. The French have also been at it with the Prestige, Riverside and Jazzland catalogues, thanks to the house of Carrère. Evidence (*Prestige New Jazz 68328*) is in some ways the most satisfying recording by that prolific soprano saxophonist Steve Lacy, thanks to brilliant work by the trumpeter Don Cherry and drummer Billy Higgins...

sessions from the period, such as Contemporary's *The Jazz and Atlantic's *Hard Bop* series, are fully prepared for the substantial nature of a session which teams the saxophonist with Joe Gordon's trumpet, Wes Montgomery's guitar and something described by the sleeve copy writer in the argot of the era as the "all-soul rhythm section" of Barry Harris, Sam Jones and Louis Hayes - Cannonball Adderley's unit at the time.*

the rest of the MJO, Cannonball Adderley, Wes Montgomery, Gene Ammons, Clifford Brown, Bill Evans and Art Blakey. That would be a pity. The foundation of this exemplary record is one of the great Miles Davis rhythm sections, in which Kelly is joined by Paul Chambers and Jimmy Cobb; on two of the LP's six tracks they are augmented by Nat Adderley (cornet), Bobby Jaspar (flute) and Benny Golson (tenor saxophone). The trio accounts of "Willow Weep for Me" and "Softly, As in a Morning Sunrise" are full of the calm joy which suffused Kelly's playing...

Richard Williams

PREVIEW Theatre

Never too much of Much Ado

The opening of *Much Ado About Nothing* at the Barbican Theatre this week marks Derek Jacobi's first performance in London with the Royal Shakespeare Company. The highly acclaimed and good-looking production was first seen last year at Stratford-on-Avon, directed by Terry Hands and with Sinead Cusack playing Beatrice opposite Derek Jacobi's Benedick.



Reflections on the dark: Derek Jacobi, as Benedick in Much Ado About Nothing

As if to prove his point, *Much Ado* achieved the highest box office success of the Stratford season, heading *The Taming of the Shrew*, *Macbeth* and *King Lear*.

and Rosalyn Harris, Paxton Whitehead and Simon Ward make the comedies a real treat.

NOISES OFF: Savoy (838 8888) Mon-Fri at 7.45pm, Sat at 5pm and 8.30pm; matinee Wed at 3pm. The funniest farce for years.

Critics' choice

ANOTHER COUNTRY: Queen's (734 1165) Mon-Fri at 8pm, Sat at 8.30pm; matinee Wed at 3pm and Sat at 5.15pm.

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THE REAL THING: Strand (838 2890) Mon-Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 5pm and 8.30pm; matinee Wed at 2.30pm.

Today Mon, Thurs, Fri at 7.30pm. Directed by John Caird, with Miles Anderson, Gemma Jones, John Thaw, Zoë Wanamaker, Daniel Massey and Emrys James.

PREVIEW Galleries

NOVA MULHER: Barbican Centre, London EC2 (538 4141). Until May 31, Mon-Sat 11am-11pm. The Festival of Brazil begins with a two-part show giving an overall picture of the work of women artists in Brazil today and of Brazilian women artists based in Europe.

PAULE VEZELAY: Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (821 1313). Until May 22, Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2-6pm. The Anglo-French painter has recently celebrated her ninetieth birthday, and this retrospective is an overdue tribute.

Out of Town

BIRMINGHAM: Repertory (021 236 4455). *The American Clock* by Arthur Miller, Mon-Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 4pm and 8pm; matinee Thurs at 2.30pm.

continues with performances by companies from eastern and western Europe, Africa, North America, the Caribbean and the British Isles.

LIVERPOOL: Everyman (051 708 4775). *Our Day at the Races*, Mon-Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 5pm and 8.30pm; matinee Wed at 2.30pm.

Calloway, Benny Goodman and others, choreography by Billy Wilson. Mon-Sat at 7.30pm; matinee Wed and Sat at 2.30pm.

STRAFORD: The Other Place (0782 22522). *The Time of Your Life* by William Saroyan. Today at 2pm, Tues, Wed at 7.30pm. In repertory.

Photography

INFOCUS: Kodak Gallery, 180 High Holborn, London WC1 (405 7841). Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 11am-5pm. Work from the Association of Professional Photographers which amounts to the high gloss saccharine world of advertising.

HUMPHREY SPENDER: The Playhouse, The High, Harlow, Essex (0273 51045). May 12-June 4. Retrospective of documentary photographer Humphrey Spender. Includes his hard, objective images, dating to the thirties, of the people of Bolton, part of Tom Harrison's Mass Observation project.

Vote catchers: Spender's view of Bolton elections (1937) Hardy: famous pictures of the Blitz, Scottish slums, London dockland and later work from Korea, all from the files of the Radio Times Hulton Picture Library.

WORK AND WIT: Side Gallery, 8 Side, Newcastle upon Tyne (0632 222206). Until June 5, Tues-Fri 11am-6pm, Sat and Sun 11am-5pm. Since its opening in 1977 the Side Gallery has built up an impressive collection of documentary photography by national and international names such as Bill Brandt, Robert Doisneau, Chris Kilip and Russell Lee.

ALVIN LANGDON COBURN: MAN OF MARK 1882-1896 Walker Art Gallery, William Brown Street, Liverpool (051 227 5234). Until May 31, Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2-6pm. In 1930 Coburn gave his collection of photographs to the Royal Photographic Society before destroying 15,000 negatives; this exhibition is drawn from that archive.

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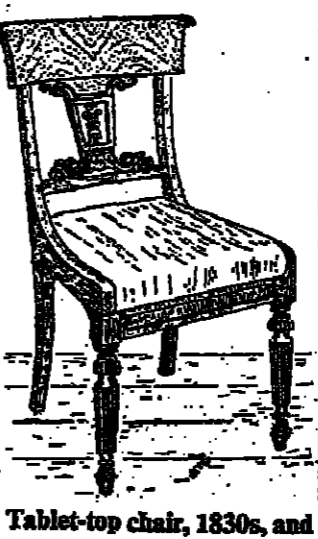
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Bassishaw holding out

Bassishaw Investments is still holding out against Hanson Trust's successful takeover of the UDS stores group.

SUPPORT FOR CHINA

The Philippines, France and Pakistan yesterday called for the admission of China into the Asian Development Bank.

Nadir writes Mr Asil Nadir

Chairman of Polly Peck, has issued a writ against The Observer newspaper after articles in the last two editions.

Energy conservation: Mr Nigel Lawson

The Energy Secretary has decided to set up an Energy Efficiency Office within the Department of Energy.

Helicopter order: Management Aviation

has ordered four SA 365 N Dauphin 2 helicopters from Aerospatiale of France for north sea duty.

ELECTRONIC LINK: Philips and Industrie Zanus

signed a letter of intent saying they were prepared to work towards cooperation in consumer electronics.

TOURIST CASH: Italy's ministry of foreign trade

announced that it was easing currency export restrictions on Italian tourists travelling abroad.

FED REJECTION: Mr Henry Wallich

US Federal Reserve Board Governor, rejected the notion that interest rates could be lowered through cooperative actions by big central banks.

Wall St stocks pushing higher

New York (AP-Dow Jones) - Stocks were pushing still higher yesterday after surging past the record closing high of 1,226.20 reached on April 29.

The transportation average was also higher with a gain of more than 6 1/2 points to 554.

Advancing issues were about 5-to-2 over losers. Trading was very heavy.

Teledyne was 144 up 1/2; Merck 92 1/2 down 1; NCR 119 1/2 up 1 1/2; International Business Machines 116 up 3/4; General Electric 110 1/2 off 1/4; General Motors 70 1/2 up 1/4; Exxon 34 1/2 off 1/4; Atlantic Richfield 45 1/2 up 1/4; Control Data 50 1/2 up 1 1/4; and Comsat 68 1/2 up 1/2.

Burlington Northern was down 1 at 81 1/2; Southern Pacific up 1/2 at 61 1/2; GSK up 1/2 at 63 1/2; Northwest Air up 1/2 at 49 1/2; UAL up 1 1/2 to 36 1/2; AMR up 1/2 at 30; Commonwealth Edison up 1/2 at 27 1/2; Consolidated Natural Gas off 1/2 at 27 1/2.

US jobless rate falls again

From Bailey Morris, Washington

The United States unemployment rate dropped slightly in April for the second consecutive month giving convincing evidence of a growing recovery in business.

At 10.2 per cent, the month's jobless total was one-tenth of a point below the previous month's total and was still high by post-war standards but none the less encouraging because it is moving downward on the strength of stronger industrial production.

White House officials said the figures were welcome evidence that President Reagan's programme was working and a strong recovery had begun. Mr Raymond Donovan, the Labour Secretary, said the results indicated that the recovery "is gaining strength and that the President's policies are working".

The Reagan Administration also told Congress that it would be forced to ask for another legislative increase in the national debt ceiling which now stands at \$98.8 billion (£62.92 billion).

The recent huge borrowing needs of the United States Treasury to finance burgeoning federal deficits had brought the department very close to the legal limit and funds would run out if the debt ceiling was not raised, officials said.

Mr C Warren Carter, an assistant Treasury secretary, urged members of the Senate Finance Committee to approve legislation raising the ceiling to \$1,389 billion (£884 billion).

The most encouraging signs in last month's employment results were the reports of the longer average work week for factory workers which rose to 40.1 hours, the highest level since June, 1981 and an increase in the average overtime worked which rose to three hours.

Ms Janet L. Norwood, Commissioner of Labour Statistics, said these results were "particularly noteworthy" because they traditionally precede large scale rehiring and staff expansion by businesses.

Despite an overall gain last month of 355,000 jobs, the number of Americans without work still stood at 11.32 million, compared with 7.6 million who were unemployed when President Reagan took office in 1980.

Sears buys stake in Central TV

By Jonathan Clare

Control of ACC was won by Mr Robert Holmes a Court through his Australian-based Bell Group after a bitter battle with Mr Gerald Ronson's Heron Corporation last year.

But the Independent Broadcasting Authority ordered that ACC's shares in Central had to be put in a trust for ultimate disposal because foreign companies cannot control British television stations.

Mr Geoffrey Maitland Smith, Sears, chief executive, said he had paid £7m for the stake, equivalent to 140p a share. This is more than the unquoted shares have been trading at, but less than what ACC is believed to have asked. He will be joining the Central board.

Energy ministers may approve compromise

Soviet pipeline peace formula

By Jonathan Davis, Energy Correspondent

Energy ministers from the leading industrialized nations are expected to approve this weekend a compromise report on the security, which has been carefully designed to defuse the longstanding dispute between the United States and Europe over the controversial Soviet gas pipeline.

Hambros consortium may enter House of Fraser struggle Shareholders' vote on Harrods demerger hanging in balance

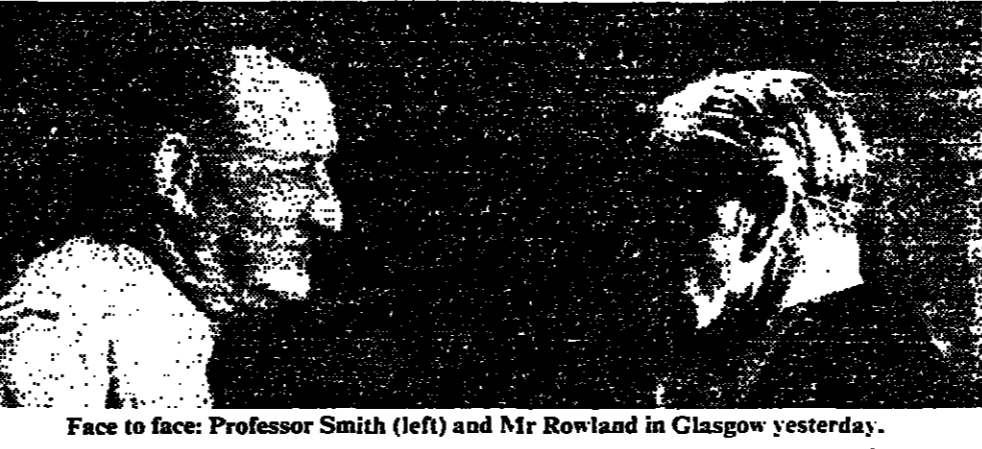
By Jeremy Warner

The outcome of Lohr's battle to demerge Harrods from the rest of the House of Fraser department stores group continued to hang in the balance yesterday, after a shareholders' meeting in Glasgow to vote on the issue.

But as the meeting took place, interest in the stores group was shifting to the possibility of a consortium bid, put together by Hambros Bank.

Counting the vote, in which far more shareholders sided with Lohr than in any of its previous battles with the main board, was said to be extremely complex. An announcement on the outcome will be made early on Monday.

Initial indications, based on proxies representing about 80 per cent of Fraser shares filed before the meeting, were that Lohr had been narrowly defeated. Some of these proxies, however, may have been changed at the meeting and there was evidence that many shareholders have indulged in multiple voting on proxies.



Face to face: Professor Smith (left) and Mr Rowland in Glasgow yesterday.

Thomas Tilling, the industrial conglomerate currently fighting off a £600m takeover bid from BTR, was believed to be one of the major Fraser shareholders to swap allegiance to Lohr for yesterday's vote.

Mr Roland "Tiny" Rowland, Lohr's chief executive said that he had recently met with Mr Christopher Sporborg of Hambros bank, who had discussed an offer for Lohr's near 30 per cent stake in House of Fraser on behalf of a business consortium.

But Mr Rowland dismissed the offer, believed to be 210p a share, as "too low". "House of Fraser is worth 300p a share and our stake £140m in demerged form," he said.

Whether a consortium exists is a matter of some speculation. It is certainly true that Hambros Bank has been trying to put together a consortium of buyers either to bid for the whole group, or the Lohr holding.

What is less sure is whether the consortium has materialized. Harris Queensway has been mentioned as a member of the consortium, but Mr Peter Davis, deputy chairman of the company, denied this last night.

Fraser's chairman was clearly concerned at the prospect of defeat and after the shareholders' meeting he back peddled on previous pledges to resign if he lost the vote. "The question of my future with the company will depend on the board. Many have expressed the hope that I will stay on," he said.

He hinted to about 300 shareholders who attended the meeting at the Central Hotel in Glasgow that even if Lohr won the day either on yesterday's voting or at a separate meeting being convened for June 30, the board might continue to fight splitting Harrods off into a separate company.

He told shareholders that the technicalities of demerger would require Inland Revenue and Office of Fair Trading approval and would also ultimately need to be sanctioned by shareholders commanding more than three-quarters of Fraser shares.

Recovery is here, says GKN chief

By Our Financial Staff

Sir Trevor Holdsworth, the chairman of Guest, Keen & Nettlefolds, Britain's largest engineering company, yesterday followed the CBI and Government ministers in suggesting that the recession is ending.

Sir Trevor, speaking after the GKN annual meeting in London, said that there are too many factors coming together in Britain, Europe and America for this to be seen as another false dawn.

The recovery has already been felt at the sharp end of the manufacturing industry, where GKN has made pretax profits in the first quarter of 1983 which are equal to those achieved in the second half of last year.

GKN is forecasting interim pretax profits of more than £30m, against £10.3m in the second half of 1982. This is a modest achievement and means that interim profits for 1983 will only match those achieved at the same stage last year.

Sir Trevor, however, said that this is a positive indication that a turn round is taking place. The chairman's optimism helped boost GKN's shares by 6p to 165p but they later fell back to 160p.

Budget boost makes Amoco field viable

By Our Energy Correspondent

Amoco, the United States oil company, said yesterday that it hoped to develop a small North Sea oil field called Arbroath as a result of the Government's oil taxation concessions in the Budget.

The company also said that it was interested in bidding for the British Gas Corporation's offshore oil assets, although it was "puzzled" that the Government was forcing the corporation one of Amoco's North Sea partners, to dispose of its profitable oil exploration portfolio.

The Arbroath discovery lies in the same licence block as the Montrose field, which is already in production and is operated by Amoco's North Sea partners.

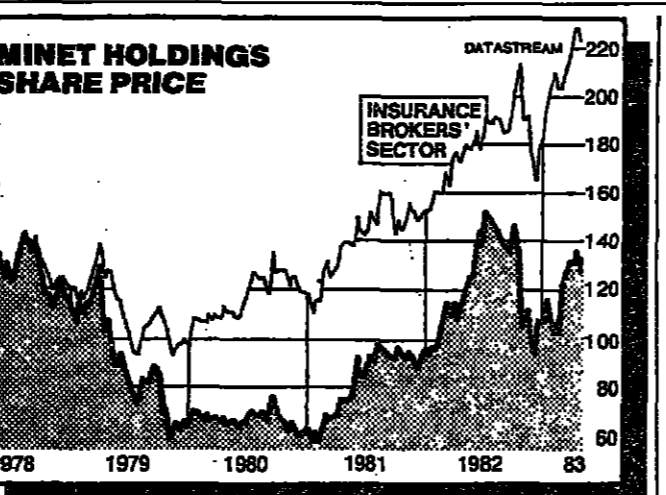
The oil company is a partner of British Gas in four of the five oil fields which Mr Nigel Lawson, the Secretary of State for Energy, has ordered the corporation to prepare to sell.

Call for Laker arbitration

Attempts to resolve a dispute between the British and United States governments arising out of a multi-million dollar anti-trust action in the United States by the liquidator of Laker Airways against competitor airlines may have to go to arbitration, Mr Justice Parker was told in the High Court in London yesterday.

The Laker liquidator claims that British Airways, British Caledonian and other airlines conspired to drive Laker out of business.

Responsibility for the collapse of Laker is denied by the defending airlines. The British Government maintains that United States anti-trust laws cannot be applied to challenge the airfares system regulated by the Bermuda agreement between the two countries.



St Paul lifts Minet stake

The St Paul companies, a US insurance group, yesterday increased its stake in Minet Holdings, the British insurance broking firm, from 24.96 per cent to 25.98 per cent.

The group decided to go ahead with the purchase of a further 790,000 shares in Minet despite a warning last month from Sir Peter Green, chairman of Lloyd's that St Paul should not increase its stake in Minet above 25 per cent.

Sir Peter said that St Paul should be aware of a previous Lloyd's ruling aimed at preventing insurance companies outside Lloyd's building up a big stake that one party might give preferential treatment if insurance companies were allowed to control a Lloyd's insurance broker.

Benn board 'yes' to £12m Extel bid

By Andrew Cornelius

The board of Benn Brothers, the specialist publishers, has recommended a £12.7m takeover bid by Extel Group, the news information and advertising company, in preference to an earlier bid launched by United Newspapers.

The Extel offer of three of its shares for every five shares of Benn Brothers, values the Benn ordinary shares at 189p. This compares with the United Newspapers offer of seven of its shares at 143.5p when United announced its bid terms three weeks ago.

Mr Malcolm Lowe, chairman of Benn said yesterday that the Extel offer had been accepted partly because it was higher than the United bid, and also partly because a merger with Extel would be more beneficial to Benn specialist publishing business with Extel's computerized information services would provide significant growth prospects.

In addition, Benn shareholder stand to take a 24 per cent share of Extel's pretax profits of £5.26m against a 17 1/2 per cent share in United's pretax profits of £3.44m.

United Newspapers had previously announced that it had received acceptances, and pledges from members of the Benn family which support its bid, which give it 14.5 per cent of the Benn share capital.

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Income plans

FAMILY MONEY edited by Lorna Bourke

Expatriates advice

Home policy revamp

Norwich Union is revamping its Home Plus policy for houses and flats without any increase in levels of premium. Contents cover has been extended to include articles left in the open within the grounds of the house, up to a maximum of £500.

Cover on cash in the house has been increased from £50 to £200 and accidental damage to televisions, video recorders, audio equipment and home computers now automatically forms part of the cover. New and existing policyholders benefit.

Premium rates for self-contained flats, maisonettes and apartments of standard construction have been reduced from £2 per £1,000 to £1.50 per £1,000.

Car premiums up

Most private car policy-holders with Royal Insurance will find their premiums increased by 7 per cent from May 7. Preferential terms will be maintained for

the older experienced driver, but younger drivers will have to pay a higher accidental damage excess. Some policy-holders will be better off after district rate changes, and certain discounts are being improved. For instance, husband or wife-only driving will now attract the same 10 per cent discount as insured-only driving and a new discount is introduced for cars over five years old.

Security plus

The Sussex County Building Society and AMEV Life Assurance have launched the County Capital Growth Plan which combines the advantages of investing in a managed fund with the security of a building society account.

The investment (minimum £2,000) is placed in a special Sussex County account where it earns a guaranteed 1 1/2 per cent above the ordinary share account rate. From this account, one eighth of the initial investment is deducted each year to fund the net

annual contribution for an AMEV Life Maximum Investment Plan. At the end of the ten-year period of the growth plan, the investor receives the maturity value of the investment plan, the balance of the building society account plus an additional bonus from the Sussex County of 5 per cent of the original investment - all tax free for basic-rate taxpayers.

Joint credit card

Leeds Permanent Building Society is lining up Yorkshire Bank and Barclaycard to provide a credit card facility for its investors. They are launching the Pay & Save Account next month to enable investors to apply for a Yorkshire Bank Barclaycard.

Card-holders will be able to use Barclaycard cash dispensers and make monthly settlements at branches of the Leeds.



Govett: a service for all types of investor is his aim

Govett launch

John Govett, investment manager, is moving into the unit trust business. Govett, which manages four investment trusts (Border & Southern, General Stockholders, Lake View and Stockholders), various pension funds, and other institutional and private funds, is launching an American Growth Fund this weekend. A Japanese fund will be launched next month, and three or four other unit trusts over the next couple of years.

Govett prides itself on its expertise in the North American market, where it has £235m invested. Its small investment management team is based in London, but visits all the US companies in which its funds have a stake at least once a year. These visits, the managers say, pay off not only in terms of the existing investments, but also in hot tips on new companies. The new fund will put money into computers and software, and health care. The minimum investment is £500.

Adoption and tax

Allowances paid to parents who adopt children will not be taxed, it was announced this week.

The payments referred to are made generally by local authorities and are paid to parents who take on "hard to adopt" children. Adoption agencies, again largely local authorities, are required in deciding on an allowance in any particular case to take into account the existing resources of the adopting parents.

The payments were introduced under Section 32 of the Children Act 1975 which came into force in February last year.

Profit option

A five-year income bond giving 8 per cent a year after deduction of basic rate tax is on offer from Hill Samuel Life. Investors can opt for a guaranteed profit of 48 per cent over the five-year term if they do not need income.

Income bonds

Hybrid plan for capital growth

R. J. Temple, the financial consultants, have developed a scheme providing income for the over 65s, the possibility of capital growth, and a means of avoiding clawback of age relief.

The scheme, the Retirement Income Bond, is a hybrid consisting of a five-year guaranteed income bond, and an investment in a managed fund and a managed currency fund run by Cannon Assurance.

The income bond shows a guaranteed return of 8.5 per cent net of basic rate tax, and the investor also takes a withdrawal of 8 per cent from the Cannon investment bond.

If the underlying assets of the investment bond appreciate by at least 8 per cent a year, investors will not be depleting their capital.

According to figures produced by R. J. Temple, an investor can increase spendable income by £5.50 a week by switching a £20,000 investment in a building society into the Retirement Income Bond, because of the avoidance of age relief clawback.

The scheme does give investors the possibility of capital growth which they would not find with a building society investment, but there is the risk that the value of the investment bond could go down as well as up.

It is also debatable whether an investment in a managed currency fund is suitable for elderly investors, who might not realize that there is an exchange rate risk.

The structure and tax treatment of the bond is complicated and anyone contemplating such an investment should take professional advice.

Income is paid quarterly.

Unit trusts

Recovery helps funds show their worth

Spurred on by Wall Street, several of the world's leading stock markets achieved record levels last month. Apart from New York and London, market indices registered new peaks in both Frankfurt and Tokyo.

Reflecting these buoyant conditions, many unit trusts scored useful gains last month. The best result among funds invested in Britain was achieved by the £2.5m Henderson Recovery Fund, which recorded an after price jump of more than 12 per cent.

With world economies now moving out of recession, there are clearly plenty of potential recovery candidates. However, as Henderson itself points out, although long term investment in such stocks usually proves rewarding, it is a sector carrying an above average degree of risk.

In addition to the Henderson fund, which stands in 22nd position in the 1983 league table, four other recovery portfolios make the top 30. Bridge International Recovery, where the investment is undertaken by stockbrokers Vickers de Costa holds eighteenth position, one place ahead of Britannia Recovery and three in front of M & G American Recovery. Framlington Recovery appears at 28th.

Turning to the overseas markets, Save and Prosper Select International marked up

a 10 per cent offer price rise, while concentrating on the United States, Tyndall North American had a clear edge over its rivals with an 8 per cent price increase. What, of course, reduced gains for British investors in America last month was the recovery of sterling on the international money markets, which saw the pound 5 per cent higher against the dollar.

Sterling's reviving fortunes against the yen over recent weeks more than offset the marginal gain by the Tokyo stock market indices. The best performance by a fund specializing in Japan last month came from Crescent Tokyo, just 2.7 per cent higher.

Despite last month's experience, most investment managers appear to be still looking

Present value of £100 invested over four months to May 1st 1983

FUND	VALUE
1. GT European	157.8
2. Henderson European	148.8
3. FTI & Trust Small Cos.	138.0
4. GT US & General	137.8
5. Mercury American Growth	137.5
6. Hill Samuel European	137.5
7. Schroder Singapore & Malaysia	136.7
8. S & P Select International	136.1
9. Barrington European	135.5
10. Aitken Hume Energy & Resources	134.2

for further strengthening of the yen in the currency markets.

As for Japanese equities, investors are pinning considerable hopes on the benefit of lower oil prices.

The biggest gains last month, though, were recorded by those trust investors. Down under, Tyndall Australian Securities led the sector with a 13.6 per cent offer price rise, followed by another recently-launched fund Lawson Australia and Pacific.

Investors now appear to have accustomed themselves to the new Labour Administration of Mr Bob Hawke, which came to power in Australia in March. By the end of last month, the Australian Metals and Mines index stood some 20 per cent higher than its level on February 7, after investors had taken fright at Mr Malcolm Fraser's decision to call the early general election.

The Australian stock market is now beginning to reflect overseas demand for the country's natural resources. Coupled with the benefits of the recent devaluation and firm metal prices, Mr Compton believes that "the outlook for the Australian equity market is bright for fundamental reasons."

Mike Hockings

A perennial complaint from the elderly is that income from their hard-earned savings is effectively taxed at 50 per cent because of the clawback of "age allowance".

Age allowance is the higher personal tax allowance available if the taxpayer or his wife will be 65 before the end of the tax year. It is available for that year whether or not he or she survives to that age.

In the present tax the rate of age allowance is £3,755 for a married couple and £2,795 for a single person, compared with the normal personal allowances of £2,795 and £1,785 respectively. At the basic rate of 30 per cent age allowance saves tax of £288 for a married couple, or £172.50 for a single person.

The trap is that age allowance is reduced when the taxpayer's total income exceeds a specified level. This year this level is set at £7,600 both for single people and married couples. Above £7,600 the allowance is reduced by £2 for every £3 of additional income until the normal level of personal allowance is reached - at £8,462.50 in the case of a single person and £9,040 for a married couple. Therefore income within this band of decreasing age allowance is effectively charged at 50 per cent - 30% plus two-thirds of 30%.

Unfortunately, many elderly people do not understand how age allowance works or how to avoid the clawback of age relief.

They do not realise that when determining total income for age allowance purposes it is grossed up building society

Personal savings
How elderly people can escape the taxman's clawback



interest which has to be included in the calculation.

For example Mr and Mrs Jones have a joint income of £7,600 and they have £10,000 invested in a building society earning 6.25 per cent per annum this year. The building society pays them £625.

For age allowance purposes Mr and Mrs Jones's income must be treated as increased by the grossed up amount of £893 (i.e. £625 x 100/70) to £8,493. As a result of this their entitlement to age allowance is reduced from £3,755 to £3,160 which in turn increases their tax liability by £179.

So the £625 net interest they received only has a real net worth of £446 after the re-

duction in age allowance has been calculated. And obviously, in terms of investment performance, if the £625 represented 6.25 per cent per annum then the £446 would represent a yield of only 4.46 per cent.

Although normally a building society would be a perfectly reasonable investment, it is not suited to this type of income situation. The Jones can make better use of the £10,000 they

have available for investment. One of the simplest ways of doing this is an investment in National Savings Certificates. These certificates are free of income tax and capital gains tax and can be bought by Mr and Mrs Jones at the Post Office. For their £10,000 Mr and Mrs Jones can buy 400 units of the 25th Issue. By gradually encashing 118 of the units, Mr and Mrs Jones can build up an average income of £717 over the next five years as follows:

Year 1: 27 units sold producing £705.50

Year 2: 25 units sold producing £705.50

Year 3: 24 units sold producing £726.24

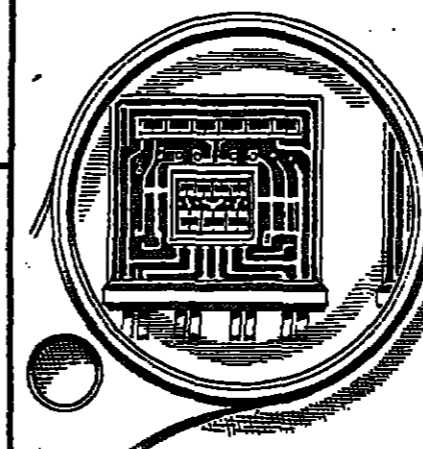
Year 4: 22 units sold producing £720.28

Year 5: 20 units sold producing £718.00

This increased their spending power by £271 per annum. If the Jones retained the remaining 282 units for their full term of five years their capital will build back to £10,124.

By pulling themselves out of the age allowance trap in this way, the Joneses have increased their income, retained their capital and they still have an investment which they can deal with personally and locally.

Anne-Marie Piper



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Strong currency

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In Japan, for example, our portfolio is concentrated on companies which are not only in the forefront of modern technology but which are also developing the technologies of the future.

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FAMILY MONEY

Premiums

Move to end discrimination

The debate in the insurance industry about whether it is fair to charge women more for permanent health policies may take on an entirely different complexion if the United States brings in legislation presently before Congress outlawing the use of different actuarial tables for men and women.

The Fair Insurance Practices Bill would mean the introduction of unisex mortality and morbidity tables and insurers in Britain could also find themselves under great pressure to change their ways.

The Equal Opportunities Commission is conducting a test case on permanent health insurance, backing Ms Jennifer

Pinder, a London dentist, who claims discrimination because she is forced to pay 50 per cent more for part of her permanent policy.

At the moment insurers are allowed to discriminate between men and women under the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 if they can justify this, through actuarial data. The Commission is changing the industry - to produce this data in court. It has been so slow in doing so that the Pinder case is unlikely to reach the courts before October.

But the American feminist lobby has ignored this approach even if the actuarial data do show that women have higher

sickness rates than men this still does not mean that men and women should be treated differently.

There are also benefits for men in this approach. At present they pay more for their life insurance because the actuarial data show that they die younger. In the US men drivers under 25 years of age have to pay a great deal more for car insurance.

The new bill would insist on unisex tables for every aspect of insurance. Several years ago the practice of charging blacks more for life insurance was banned, although the mortality tables showed that they died younger than white policyholders.

It is this principle that is being used to support the bill. As one politician put it: "The insurance industry justifies the differentiation because of actuarial tables which tend to show that women generally outlive men... those same tables would also establish that white people outlive black people. But our society frowns as well it should, on different rates for different races. Why should it accept different rates for different sexes?"

What sort of difference would it make if the same principles were extended in Britain? Women could not be charged up to 50 per cent more than men for permanent health cover. Women would not have to pay more than men of the same age for payments under an annuity, which would benefit pensioners.

Occupational pension funds would not be able to maintain discrimination against women in survivors' benefits by arguing that women are more expensive to provide a pension for because we live longer. Men would not have to pay more for life insurance than women of the same age.

The American feminists argue that everyone should pay the lowest rate for benefits, which the insurance industry will argue would be disastrous. The Equal Opportunities Commission says it gets complaints from men about being charged higher life insurance. It would like to see everyone getting equal benefits and if that meant women having to pay more for life insurance than that was fair.

Margaret Drummond

Books

Home thoughts on jobs abroad

Working Abroad - The Expatriate's Guide is a book for the average working expatriate either presently abroad or still contemplating the move.

It attempts to cover all the main problem areas from the initial planning stages to the return home. For the intending expatriate, it covers the type of work available, the areas, how to find the right job and what to look for in an employment contract.

For those who have already found a job, it covers the move, what to do with the home in Britain, education and health matters.

There are chapters on taxation, national insurance and investment and financial planning.

The guide was written by David Young and published by the Financial Times Business Publishing, price £11.45 (including p & p) from Greystoke Place, Fetter Lane, London EC4A 1ND.

Association and is available from *Choice Magazine* at Whitehall, London Road, East Grinstead, Sussex RH19 1AW, price £1.50.

Cover for all occasions

Twenty-five per cent of British households have no contents insurance and more than 5 million breadwinners have no life assurance cover.

The British Insurance Brokers Association has sponsored a guide to sort out these problems and to advise on where to find the best cover for specific requirements.

The guide, *Value for Money Insurance* covers practically any insurance you are likely to need. The guide has been published by Flame Books and is available at all good bookshops at a price of £2.95.

Retirement and your income

Money and your Retirement, a comprehensive guide to finances in retirement, has now been revised and substantially rewritten after the Budget. It covers practically everything the retired, or retiring, person needs to know about the financial aspects of retirement and contains a newly-expanded section of home income plans.

The booklet, written by Edward Eves, is published by *Choice Magazine* in conjunction with the Pre-Retirement

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	10 %
Barclays	10 %
BCCI	10 %
Consolidated Crds	10 %
C. Hoare & Co	10 %
Lloyds Bank	10 %
Midland Bank	10 %
Nat Westminster	10 %
TSB	10 %
Williams & Glyn's	10 %

* 7 day deposits on savings accounts: £10,000 6 1/2%, £20,000 up to £50,000 7 1/2%, £50,000 and over 8 1/2%.

THERE ISN'T AN EXTRADITION TREATY ON CAPITAL TRANSFER TAX, IS THERE?



Getting away from the transfer tax trap

Of the two certainties in life - death and taxes - the expatriate may feel he is doing well to avoid 50 per cent.

For the most part, British expatriates do avoid British taxes, certainly income tax and capital gains tax, if they take minimal precautions. But capital transfer tax is different.

Income tax and capital gains tax liability is determined primarily by the taxpayer's residence but CTT liability is determined by domicile - a different thing altogether. Becoming non-resident is relatively straightforward but changing domicile is much more difficult and is by no means automatic on a move overseas. Indeed, a person may live abroad for many years, even the whole of his working life, but remain United Kingdom domiciled. For most working British expatriates this means they remain liable to capital transfer tax.

The legislation on domicile is complex but the concept can be readily grasped. A person is domiciled in the country which is his permanent home, or where he intends to stay, or the country to which he intends to return in due course.

A domicile of origin is acquired at birth, generally the father's domicile, and this remains undisturbed until an independent domicile of choice is established. This is where difficulties may arise.

Evidence to back the claim is essential and this should include cutting formal ties with Britain such as selling property, resigning from clubs, political parties, etc. and ceasing to vote (if eligible) in British elections. At the same time, evidence of

intent to stay abroad would include buying property in the new country and perhaps applying for citizenship there.

If, for any reason, the new domicile is abandoned, it will be replaced by reversion to domicile of origin and there may be a claim that this was never lost in the first place. This brings the possibility of a retrospective CTT bill if there have been chargeable transfers in the interim.

However, if you have no assets in Britain, it will be difficult, if not impossible, for the Inland Revenue to collect any CTT levied though it may try to collect from any beneficiaries resident in Britain.

Even for permanent emigrants the acquisition of a domicile will not always relieve them from CTT. For CTT purposes they will be deemed to remain British domiciled for up to three years after departure.

These days the domicile of husband and wife is considered independently. Where a couple have different domiciles it is vital that they take professional advice on their CTT planning since there are both advantages and pitfalls.

Still on the subject of couples, another complication can arise if they decide to retire abroad. They may find that there is no need to consider CTT planning since they both expect to live for at least the three years while they would remain liable for the tax.

But even when they get beyond the three-year barrier what very often happens is that on the death of one spouse the other decides to return to Britain with, as already described, the possibility of a

retrospective CTT bill and the likelihood of future CTT planning being much more expensive than would have been the case earlier.

On CTT planning, the expatriate who remains British domiciled, is entitled to all the same reliefs as British residents - the nil rate band (up to £60,000 in any ten-year period), tax free transfers between spouses where both are UK domiciled, the annual and small gifts exemptions and so on.

The insurance companies, as usual, have the answers. The earliest of these schemes was the discounted gift scheme or PETA plan. More recent arrivals are variations on the inheritance trust idea involving the donor making a loan to a trust and retaining his income and control of his assets because he, himself, receives an income from the trust, as repayment of his loan.

Alternatively, the donor may make a gift to the trust, using his allowances, and receive his income in the form of a series of loans from the trust.

The advantage for the expatriate is that he can use these schemes offshore, placing his funds in offshore life company bonds and thus he, and his beneficiaries, can obtain the higher returns to be expected through the tax-free growth available to the offshore funds.

The schemes, once effected offshore, will continue as a tax shelter even when the expatriate returns to Britain. The message to expatriates, therefore, is to do the planning now, and not when you get back home - then it will be too late, for the offshore option at least.

FAMILY MONEY MARKET

Banks
Current account - no interest paid.
Deposit accounts - Midland, Barclays, Lloyds, Natwest 6 1/2 per cent, seven days notice required for withdrawals. Monthly income account - Natwest 5 1/2 per cent. Fixed term deposits: £2,500-£25,000 - 1 month 9.25 per cent, 3 and 6 months 9 per cent. Rates quoted by Barclays. Other banks may differ.

Money funds
Seven-day deposits. Simco 7-day fund - 9.85 per cent. UDT Average Rate Deposits - 5 1/2 per cent. Simco dollar fund - 7.85 per cent. Western Trust one month Money-market a/c: 9.75 per cent. Mallinhal 9.95 per cent. Tyndall 7-day fund 10 per cent. Save and Prosper high interest a/c: 10.20 per cent. Interest paid without deduction of tax. Tullet & Riley Money market Trust Call Fund min £10,000 10.15 per cent. 7-day fund - £2,500 10.05 per cent. Further details from: Simco 01-236 0233. UDT 01-623 3020. Tyndall 0272 732241. Western Trust 0732 261161. Mallinhal 01-489 8834. Save and Prosper 0708 69366. Tullet & Riley 236 0952.

National Savings Bank
Ordinary accounts - interest 3 per cent of 8 per cent if £2500 is maintained, first £70 of interest tax-free. Investment Account - 10 1/2 per cent interest paid without deduction of tax, one month's notice of withdrawal, maximum investment £200,000.

National Savings Certificates 2 1/2%
Return totally free of income and capital gains tax, equivalent to an annual interest rate over the five-

year term of 7.51 per cent, maximum investment £5,000.

National Savings Income Bond
Min investment £2,000 - max. £200,000. Interest - 11 per cent, variable at six weeks notice - paid monthly without deduction of tax. Repayment at 3 or 6 months notice - check penalties.

National Savings 2nd Index-linked certificate
Maximum investment £10,000, excluding holdings of other issues. Return tax-free and linked to changes in the retail price index. Supplement of 0.2 per cent per month up to October 1983 paid to new investors; existing holders receive a 2.4 per cent supplement between October 1982 and October 1983 4 per cent bonus if held full five years to maturity. Cash value of £100 Retirement issue certificates purchased in May 1978, £174.95 including 4 per cent bonus.

Guaranteed Income Bonds
Return paid net of basic rate tax, higher rate taxpayers may have a further liability on maturity.

Finance house deposits (UDT)
Fixed-term, fixed-rate deposits, interest paid without deductions of tax. Five-Fly scheme: 6 months 8 1/2 per cent; 1 year, 10 per cent; 2 years, 10 1/2 per cent.

Foreign currency deposits
Rates quoted by Rothschild's Old Court Int. Reserves 0481 28741, seven days notice is required for withdrawal and no charge is made for switching currencies.

Local authority yielding bonds
12-month fixed rate investments, interest 10 1/2 per cent basic rate tax deducted at source (can be reclaimed by non-taxpayers), minimum investment £1,000, purchased through stockbroker or bank.

Local authority town hall bonds
Fixed term, fixed rate investments, interest quoted gross (basic rate

tax deducted at source reclaimable by non-taxpayers), 1 year Lambeth 9 1/2 per cent, 2-3 years Nottingham City 10 per cent, 4-5 years Knowledge 10 1/2 per cent, 7-10 years Worthing 11 per cent. Further details available from Chartered Institute of Public Finance Loans Bureau (01-630 7401, after 3 pm). See also on Prestal no 24808.

Building societies
Ordinary share accounts - 6.25 per cent. Term shares - 1 to 5 years, between 0.5 per cent and 1 per cent over the BSA recommended ordinary share rate depending on the term. Regular savings schemes - 1.25 per cent over BSA recommended ordinary share rate. Rates quoted above are those most commonly offered. Individual building societies may quote different rates. Interest on all accounts paid net of basic rate tax. Not reclaimable by non-taxpayers.

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Govett American Growth Fund



The time is right. Here's the opportunity.

Energy costs are falling. Inflation rates are down in many parts of the world. Investors are returning to the US stock markets with large amounts of cash. These are clear signs pointing to a recovery in the US economy more fundamental than others which have started in the past 10 years.

Now investors can take advantage of this up-turn at the right time by investing in this new unit trust from John Govett. The Govett American Growth Fund aims to produce capital growth through investment principally in the United States.

Current outlook
In the past fortnight business confidence has continued to rise sharply as the recovery in economic activity accelerates. Wall Street continues to be buoyant with every minor market correction an opportunity for selective buying. It is time for equity investment in America.

Investing for growth
At first, investment will be concentrated in three major areas which John Govett feel offer good growth prospects.

- 1. Computer technology**
The continuing rapid growth in computers and their applications, plus the necessary software, has produced many smaller companies with exciting prospects. Computer-linked developments in communications such as satellites and cellular radio also offer great opportunities.
- 2. Health care**
Hospital group management companies,

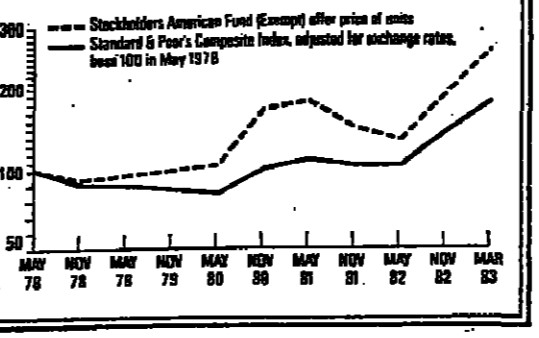
and the software companies providing systems for individual hospitals, form a very successful industry in the US and elsewhere in the world. Medical device companies are another part of the health care industry to have grown significantly,

and there are many attractive investments in this field, which John Govett are well placed to identify and monitor through their close contacts with the industry.

3. Industrial and service companies
A sustained US recovery will mean that many industrial and service companies (the successful survivors who have continued to invest) will be working closer to full capacity and so should do very well. John Govett have already identified several of these for investment.

Successful US Investment
With over 50 years of investment experience, John Govett & Co. Limited now has funds of over £630 million under direct management or advice. Since the 1930s the investment trust companies within the John Govett Group have had significant interests in the US market. One of them, The Stockholders Investment Trust p.l.c. with total resources of £117m, today has 75% of those resources invested in North America. Overall the Group has £235 million invested in North America, where we have a long history of success.

For example, Stockholders American Fund (Exempt) is a unit trust (not available to private investors) wholly invested in the US. As the graph below shows, the offer price of units has grown by 153% since the launch in May 1978 compared with a rise of 86% in the Standard & Poor's Composite Index over the same period.



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How to invest
To invest at the initial offer price of 50p, fill in the Application Form below and send it with your remittance to reach the Managers by 27th May 1983. Applications received after the close of the initial offer will be allocated units at the offer price ruling on the date of receipt. Minimum initial investment is £500. Thereafter, you may buy or sell units to any value provided that your holding is not reduced below £500.

If you invest £2500 or more during the initial offer period you will be given a free bonus of 1% in extra units at the Managers' expense.

You should remember that the price of units, and the income from them, can go down as well as up. You should regard your investment as long-term.

You will be sent your contract note within 3 days, and your unit certificate within 6 weeks.

You may also buy units by telephoning the Managers on 01-588 5620.

APPLICATION FORM

Govett American Growth Fund
To: John Govett Unit Management Limited, Winchester House, 77 London Wall, London EC2N 1DF. Tel: 01-588 5620.

I/We enclose a cheque for £ (minimum £500) payable to John Govett Unit Management Limited for the purchase of units in the Govett American Growth Fund at the initial offer price of 50p. I am/We are over 18. This offer closes on 27th May 1983. Thereafter units will be allocated at the offer price ruling on the date of receipt. In the initial offer period investors of £2,500 or more will be given, at the expense of the Managers, a bonus of 1% in extra units (to the nearest whole unit).

Please tick for automatic reinvestment of income in further units.

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What it will do is this. It will guide you through the "do's" and "don't's" of investment and tax planning. It will lead you to those markets around the world which are on the move. And it will pinpoint how you can capitalise on these movements.

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MARKET REPORT by Michael Clark

Account ends on dull note

ACCOUNT DAY: Dealings begin, Monday, Dealings end, May 20, Contango Day, May 23, Settlement Day, May 24.

Early appraisal of the local government elections sent the buyers scuffling for shelter as the last day of the account ended on a dull note yesterday.

Dealers reported nervous selling in this trade as investors waited patiently for definite signs of a date for the General Election. The FT index, down 2.7 at 2pm ended the day only 0.6 off at 694.4, as new-time buying for the next account dried up.

Dealings in the new tap Treasury convertible index linked 2 1/2 per cent 1999 received little support with the closing price unchanged at £40 1/16, partly paid, compared with the issue price of £37.50.

The rest of the gilt market lost ground with falls of up to 1/2, despite hopes earlier in the week of an imminent 1/2 per cent in bank base rates.

The pound ended the day on foreign exchanges unchanged at \$1.5780.

Leading industrials put up a steady performance under the lead of Glaxo after United States approval for the marketing of its anti-ulcer drug, Zantac. Shares of Glaxo responded with gains of £13.16 to

close at £9 1/16. The group already has permission to market the drug in Britain, but has waited patiently for the news from the United States.

London Brick ended the week unchanged at 163p still awaiting the identity of the buyer of just under 5 per cent of its shares in recent weeks. Yarnco has been tipped as the favourite, but it is unlikely to comment unless the stake goes over 5 per cent.

Exco International, the money broker, with a big stake in

Teleate, the financial information system, ended the week on a firm note 60p higher at 633p. This must come as good news for several of the big institutions which had been banking on a successful debut for Teleate on Wall Street this account.

In the event, Teleate's opening proved something of an anti-climax with most of its big shareholders thrown into disarray.

In electricals, shares of Plessey enjoyed a late run after recent weakness, closing 10p up at 609p. Most of the institutions have brought the shares this account, but appear to regret the decision.

Among second line electricals Cambridge Electronic advanced 8p to 213p. Before the figures in March the shares stood at 160p.

On the bid front, shares of Mr Paul Bristol's KCA Drilling, a subsidiary of KCA International, showed pretax profits

up from £26.9m to £39.1m. The group has proposed an unchanged final of 1.87p.

Mr Bristol gave no indication of when investors might expect the terms of his deal, although

Shares of Hogg Robinson, insurance broker, rose 1p yesterday to equal the high for the year of 122p amid hopes of a bid from the US after St Paul's decision to take its stake in

Minat Holdings above 15 per cent. Despite the recent controversy at Lloyd's, the US insurance market still appears anxious to gain a foothold in London.

Oil shares were depressed, despite deals from Japan on Thursday that Iran was selling its oil at a discount and

proving a renewed price war. Further selling from the US prompted falls of 10p in BP at 388p and 4p in Shell at 486p.

Ahead of interim figures on Monday, shares of Alroy & Southers, one of the two publicly quoted jobbers, lost 12p to 351p. The rest of the market was unlikely to place much emphasis on the figures.

The real test will come with the full-year figures. But after the recent strength of the gilt and gold market, investors are unlikely to be disappointed.

Still awaiting the prospect of a Monopolies reference, Trident TV 'A' shares dipped another 3p to 85 1/2p. Earlier this week Pleasograms, which is bidding 114p a share for Trident, called off its casino deal with Grand Metropolitan making the prospect of a reference that much more real.

Saxos Oil jumped 19p to 185p on the increased stake from Clyde Petroleum.

But the counteroffer for Beam Bros from Extel failed to do much for the shares, which closed only 2p higher at 190p. Extel lost 5p at 310p.

THE TIMES 1000 1982/1983 The World's Top Companies

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FOOTBALL

Turning relegation mud into concrete reality

By Stuart Jones Football Correspondent

An air of finality pervades today's programme. Two clubs will close their season at home floating amid officially recognised glory but many more are sunk so deep in the mire that they might as well be playing in boots of concrete. Some will struggle for the last time to take them off.



Paisley: perfection peaked

The buoyant pair are Liverpool and Queen's Park Rangers. Jack Dunnett, the League president, will crown Liverpool as the first division champions for the 14th time before the game against Aston Villa, a fitting gesture to mark the end of Bob Paisley's appearances as the manager at Anfield.

Paisley's overall record will surely never be surpassed but his wish to bow out with a victory will be even keener after four successive defeats. Although Liverpool are again without Rush, they should grant it. No-one in the first division is less successful away than Villa, a weakness that may yet cost them a place in Europe.

Leapfrog game in Scotland

Celtic and Dundee United both have chances today to step closer to the premier division championship in Scotland, while the leaders Aberdeen are left on the sidelines.

Taxman's compromise keeps Stockport going

Stockport County have been thrashed by the taxman only four days before a high court hearing to close the club. In a dramatic eleventh hour reprieve, the inland revenue have agreed to accept half the £120,000 owed to them in unpaid duty.



Wither: out of England games

Gordon Taylor, the Professional Footballers' Association secretary has agreed a compromise deal with an inland revenue enforcement officer to save the Edgeley Park playing staff from joining the dole queue.

Thursday's results

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION: Aberdeen 3, Dundee 0. SECOND DIVISION: Dundee United 2, Dundee 0. THIRD DIVISION: Dundee United 2, Dundee 0.

IN BRIEF

Spencer sets a new track record

Freddie Spencer set a new track record yesterday at Hockenheim in practice for tomorrow's West German Grand Prix, Adriane Blise writes. The American, on the works Suzuki Honda, has won all three of the season's 500cc grands prix and leads the championship by 25 pts.

Hondas bunched behind, though the riders Ron Haslam of Britain who is tied with Roberts for second in the championship, lagged well in ninth place. Barry Sheene was sixth, but he has a lead of 107.4.

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Cleveland Indians 7, Minnesota Twins 3. NATIONAL LEAGUE: St. Louis Cardinals 4, San Diego Padres 3. GOLF: RUALA LINGPUR: Danilo Manara, second round 69. NATIONAL LEAGUE: St. Louis Cardinals 4, San Diego Padres 3.

BOXING

Chicken and chips on shoulders

Las Vegas (Reuters) - Larry Holmes, the World Boxing Council heavyweight champion, decided not to accept his training programme to attend a press conference yesterday and his next opponent took the opportunity to make free speeches.

The third-ranked Tim Witherspoon, a fellow American who challenges Holmes in a 12-round championship bout on May 20, said: "Holmes' heart can't be very big. He sent his trainer down instead of coming himself. The reason he's not here is because he's like the stuff they're serving for lunch, chicken."

Bugner to tackle son of Frazier

Ten years ago Joe Bugner lost a 12-round decision to Smokin' Joe Frazier's knees buckled. In Atlantic City in June Bugner will get his chance to make some amends when he will be taking on Marvin, son of Smokin' Joe, in a 15-round WBA junior heavyweight title bout between the champion, Ossie Ocasio, of Puerto Rico, and the American Randy Stephens.

Russians' challenge

Varna, Bulgaria (Reuters) - Alexander Yagubkin, a world amateur heavyweight champion, heads a strong Soviet challenge at the twenty-fifth European amateur championships opening in this Black Sea resort today.

Trainer on the hop

Zurich, thrashed 5-1 by Grasshoppers Zurich in a Swiss Cup semi-final on Tuesday, have dismissed their Austrian-born trainer Max Merkel.

RUGBY UNION

Park may meet their Waterloo

After the skill, commitment and drama of last week's John Player Cup final, Tottenham will thrash with a more lighthearted crowd today when the finals of the Midlands seven-a-side tournament bring the 1982-83 season to a close.

It has been a season that has brought great satisfaction to one of today's great sides, Waterloo, who best Aston in the opening game. Fittingly their anniversary year has been one of their most successful, bringing 32 victories and 978 points, over half of which have been scored by Maurice Cotter, the wing who plays in their team today.

Brotherly love for Sangster

Two years ago Robert Sangster owned a highly controversial but a very able miler in the shape of King's Lake, who after a succession of official enquiries finished up with his name on the winners' list of the 1982 2000 Guineas.

MOTOR RACING

A Corsican monopoly for Lancia

Bastia, Corsica (AFP) - Lancia's midengined sports cars dominated the first stage of the 1,720km Tour of Corsica, the fifth round in the world championship, here yesterday, taking the first five places.

Swimming

Russians bring Olympic gold winners

Swimming of high quality is expected in a two-day international between Great Britain, Canada and the Soviet Union, which starts in Leeds tonight.

RACING: TEST FOR O'BRIEN DERBY HOPE



Home is the huntress: the Irish challenger, Give Thanks, wins from Cormorant Wood

Hills comes alive in defeat

The Eel River Oaks Trial at Lingfield yesterday was won most decisively by the Irish challenger, Give Thanks. Her victory proved costly for the sponsors, who laid her to win £30,000 in the morning.

Diamond Shoal should plunder Grand Prix

Nine horses will line up for the 12-furlong Grand Prix d'Evry today for which any selection is the English classic. David O'Brien has sent Karol from Ireland and the best of the French could be Alford's Choice, Kelbowee and Ideal Point.

English chance in Italian Derby

High Cannon ridden by John Lowe and Brogan (Pat Eddery) hold good each-way chances in the £44,725 Derby Italiano at the Capote di S. Pietro tomorrow.

Lingfield results

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RACING: DERBY TRIAL AT LINGFIELD PARK

Teenoso's stamina should gain verdict in trial

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent

When Henry Cecil decided not to run any of his four entries in the Highland Spring Derby Trial at Lingfield Park this afternoon...

Teenoso is another who will relish today's stamina although whether he is quite as good as his effort against Godswalk...

Romoss best in Thirsk feature

By Michael Seely

Romoss looks the likely winner of this afternoon's Thirsk Hunt Cup. When the going is rough and heavy...



Peter Easterby, trainer of Norton Cross

Goliath must defeat David

By Keith Macklin

By no stretch of the imagination or twisting of logic can Featherstone Rovers win the Challenge Cup...

Gratifying athletes' yen for the money

By Pat Butcher

The Year of the Athlete begins appropriately in the Far East tomorrow. Dr Primo Nebiolo, president of the International Amateur Athletic Federation...

Lingfield Park

Draw advantage: Low numbers best. Total: Double 2.30, Triple 2.50, 4.0, 5.0.

Racing results for Lingfield Park including 1.30 HOLSTEIN DIAT MILK STAKES and 2.0 MIRROR GROUP NEWSPAPERS HANDICAP.

Bath

Draw advantage: low numbers best. 2.15 FRANCAISAL STAKES (2-y-o selling: £784: 5f)

Racing results for Bath including 2.15 FRANCAISAL STAKES and 2.45 CHAPEL FARM HANDICAP.

3.45 MONUMENT STAKES (2-y-o maidens: £1,520: 5f)

Racing results for Monument Stakes including 3.45 MONUMENT STAKES and 4.15 MIDSOMMER NORTON HANDICAP.

Pipped after post

Joan Benoit's superlative run in the Boston marathon three weeks ago may not be accepted as a woman's world best of 2 hours 22 minutes 43 seconds...

2.30 MIRROR GROUP NEWSPAPERS HANDICAP

Racing results for Mirror Group Newspapers Handicap including 2.30 MIRROR GROUP NEWSPAPERS HANDICAP and 2.50 HIGH FANDANGO.

3.15 BOX HANICAP

Racing results for Box Handicap including 3.15 BOX HANICAP and 3.45 HAYWARDS PICKLE STAKES.

4.45 WEST LITTLETON STAKES (3-y-o maidens: 1m 2f 150yds)

Racing results for West Littleton Stakes including 4.45 WEST LITTLETON STAKES and 5.15 BOLBY APPRENTICE HANDICAP.

WEEKEND FIXTURES

Table of weekend fixtures for various sports including football, rugby, and hockey.

2.30 HIGHLAND SPRING DERBY TRIAL STAKES

Racing results for Highland Spring Derby Trial Stakes including 2.30 HIGHLAND SPRING DERBY TRIAL STAKES and 3.0 PARTHA STAKES.

2.15 MARKET PLACE STAKES (2-y-o maidens: £1,558: 5f)

Racing results for Market Place Stakes including 2.15 MARKET PLACE STAKES and 3.15 THIRSK HUNT CUP HANDICAP.

4.45 MILLGATE STAKES (3-y-o maidens: £1,524: 5f)

Racing results for Millgate Stakes including 4.45 MILLGATE STAKES and 5.15 GRANTHAM CHASE.

CRICKET

Table of cricket fixtures and results including 11.0-7.30 BOLD AND REDDISH.

Lingfield selections

Selections for Lingfield Park races including 1.30 High Fandango and 2.0 We'll Meet Again.

Thirsk selections

Selections for Thirsk races including 2.15 Market Place Stakes and 3.15 Thirsk Hunt Cup Handicap.

Market Rasen

Market Rasen racing results including 2.15 Aveling-Balford Hurdle and 3.45 Haywards Pickle Stakes.

CRICKET

Cricket fixtures and results including 11.0-7.30 Bold and Reddish.

2.45 GRANTHAM CHASE

Racing results for Grantham Chase including 2.45 GRANTHAM CHASE and 3.15 Dorothy Viscountess.

4.15 LINCOLNSHIRE HURDLE

Racing results for Lincolnshire Hurdle including 4.15 LINCOLNSHIRE HURDLE and 4.45 Louth Chase.

5.15 GRANTHAM CHASE

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God bless from the beginning through to the end of the journey of the soul and the rest of the soul. - 2 Thessalonians 2:13

BIRTHS

HAYWARD - On 3rd May at Katherine Lane, London, the wife of Mr. John Hayward, of 10, Katherine Lane, London, gave birth to a son, Thomas James Hayward.

HUDSON - On 30th April at 10, St. John's Road, London, the wife of Mr. John Hudson, of 10, St. John's Road, London, gave birth to a son, Thomas James Hudson.

OLSON - On April 14th, to Julia and Kenneth Olson, of 10, St. John's Road, London, a son, Thomas James Olson.

PEER - On April 10th, to Joe and Kathleen Peer, of 10, St. John's Road, London, a son, Thomas James Peer.

WILSON - On April 23rd in London, to Mrs. Christine Wilson and Mr. John Wilson, of 10, St. John's Road, London, a son, Thomas James Wilson.

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MARRIAGES

TYLER-NEWMAN - On April 27 1983 at the Parish of St. Mary's, Harpenden, John Frederick to Carol Ann.

DEATHS

AYERS - On 4th May, peacefully at home, Sylvia Grace Ayers, nee Jones, aged 82, wife of the late Mr. John Ayers, of 10, St. John's Road, London. Buried at St. John's Church, Harpenden, on 5th May.

BEAMISH - On 2nd May 1983, at home, Anthony Henry Beamish, aged 78, of 10, St. John's Road, London. Buried at St. John's Church, Harpenden, on 3rd May.

BELL - On May 3 1983, at the Parsonage, 10, St. John's Road, London, the wife of the late Mr. John Bell, aged 78. Buried at St. John's Church, Harpenden, on 4th May.

BUTLER - On 3rd May 1983, peacefully at home, Mrs. Mary Butler, nee Jones, aged 82, wife of the late Mr. John Butler, of 10, St. John's Road, London. Buried at St. John's Church, Harpenden, on 4th May.

DAFFIN - On 4th May 1983, peacefully at home, Mrs. Mary Daffin, nee Jones, aged 82, wife of the late Mr. John Daffin, of 10, St. John's Road, London. Buried at St. John's Church, Harpenden, on 5th May.

ETHOLEN - On May 5 1983, peacefully at home, Mrs. Mary Etholen, nee Jones, aged 82, wife of the late Mr. John Etholen, of 10, St. John's Road, London. Buried at St. John's Church, Harpenden, on 6th May.

FERGUSON - On May 4 1983, at home, Mrs. Mary Ferguson, nee Jones, aged 82, wife of the late Mr. John Ferguson, of 10, St. John's Road, London. Buried at St. John's Church, Harpenden, on 5th May.

JILLET - On April 30, peacefully at home, Mrs. Mary Jillett, nee Jones, aged 82, wife of the late Mr. John Jillett, of 10, St. John's Road, London. Buried at St. John's Church, Harpenden, on 1st May.

KIRKPATRICK - On May 6 1983, peacefully at home, Mrs. Mary Kirkpatrick, nee Jones, aged 82, wife of the late Mr. John Kirkpatrick, of 10, St. John's Road, London. Buried at St. John's Church, Harpenden, on 7th May.

LOYD - On May 4 1983, peacefully at home, Mrs. Mary Lloyd, nee Jones, aged 82, wife of the late Mr. John Lloyd, of 10, St. John's Road, London. Buried at St. John's Church, Harpenden, on 5th May.

MAYNE - On May 5 1983, peacefully at home, Mrs. Mary Mayne, nee Jones, aged 82, wife of the late Mr. John Mayne, of 10, St. John's Road, London. Buried at St. John's Church, Harpenden, on 6th May.

WELLS - On May 5 1983, peacefully at home, Mrs. Mary Wells, nee Jones, aged 82, wife of the late Mr. John Wells, of 10, St. John's Road, London. Buried at St. John's Church, Harpenden, on 6th May.

MERTON - On May 4 1983, peacefully at home, Mrs. Mary Merton, nee Jones, aged 82, wife of the late Mr. John Merton, of 10, St. John's Road, London. Buried at St. John's Church, Harpenden, on 5th May.

MILTON - On May 4 1983, peacefully at home, Mrs. Mary Milton, nee Jones, aged 82, wife of the late Mr. John Milton, of 10, St. John's Road, London. Buried at St. John's Church, Harpenden, on 5th May.

POTTER - On 5th May 1983, peacefully at home, Mrs. Mary Potter, nee Jones, aged 82, wife of the late Mr. John Potter, of 10, St. John's Road, London. Buried at St. John's Church, Harpenden, on 6th May.

WILLIAMS - On Thursday, 5th May, 1983, peacefully at home, Mrs. Mary Williams, nee Jones, aged 82, wife of the late Mr. John Williams, of 10, St. John's Road, London. Buried at St. John's Church, Harpenden, on 6th May.

WOODS - On May 4th 1983, peacefully at home, Mrs. Mary Woods, nee Jones, aged 82, wife of the late Mr. John Woods, of 10, St. John's Road, London. Buried at St. John's Church, Harpenden, on 5th May.

IN MEMORIAM

BARNETT - Thomas, in constant loving memory of my dear husband, who died on Saturday 3rd May 1983, aged 78 years. Born 10th May 1905. Lovingly remembered by his wife, Mrs. M. Barnett, of 10, St. John's Road, London. Tel: 01-577 5811.

WICKS - On 3rd May 1983, peacefully at home, Mrs. Mary Wicks, nee Jones, aged 82, wife of the late Mr. John Wicks, of 10, St. John's Road, London. Buried at St. John's Church, Harpenden, on 4th May.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST CANCER

Give to the Cancer Research Campaign and you'll be making a real difference. The Campaign has a special offer for you. For every £10 you donate, we'll match it. That's £20 for every £10 you give. It's the largest supporter of cancer. Please help with a legacy, a deed of covenant, or a regular donation. In memoriam: Cancer Research Campaign, Dept. 2, 21, Queen Victoria Street, London WC1E 3HT.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Lady Baker - Mrs. Baker, who is celebrating her Golden Wedding Anniversary on 10th May 1983, is pleased to announce that she has received a special gift from her friends and family. The gift is a beautiful silver service, which she will use to celebrate her 50th anniversary. The service is a beautiful set of silver, which is a beautiful gift for any occasion. It is a beautiful set of silver, which is a beautiful gift for any occasion. It is a beautiful set of silver, which is a beautiful gift for any occasion.

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